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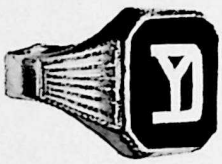

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Dear Sir:

If you have in your possession a paid-up membership card to April 1, 1939, you might as well turn the page - this letter is not to you.

It is a letter from your new National Commander to the more than 1700 members of last year, who, although nearly three months have elapsed, have not yet renewed their membership for the current year.

The Y.D.V.A. year starts on April 1. The April and May issues of Yankee Doings - and now this June issue - have been sent to you at the Association's own expense, in the belief that such a policy is a good investment in jogging lagging memories to take pen and check book and hop back into good standing again. Some have not paid because they have simply forgotten; to them this is a last reminder. This is the last issue of DOINGS which will be sent to members in arrears. Others, unfortunately, have not paid because they have been unable to. To them, a kindly word of comradeship; drop a line to Yankee Doings, and you will not be dropped unceremoniously from the mailing list.

Membership, on the day this letter is written, is 2524; well ahead of last year on this date, and well ahead of any year on this date. But, in other years, the big influx of Convention time was still ahead of us; this year it is past. About 600 of the 2524 are new members, which means that only around 1900 of last year's 3700 have renewed.

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Yours sincerely,

Ed. Miller

National Commander.

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# BETWEEN OURSELVES

The Yankee Division Veterans Association has recently been through a novel experience. For the first time in its eighteen-year-old life, it has witnessed a contested election for the highest national office at its disposal.

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In the May issue it was stated that it was not the part of YANKEE DOINGS to take sides between the two candidates running for National Commander. That was true before the election: is true now. As individuals and minor officers, each had done much for the good of the organization. However — something far greater than individual qualifications was at stake: namely a principle. And in the matter of principles it IS the part of YANKEE DOINGS to cling to those it believes best for the Association, trusting that it speaks for the majority of the membership whose loyalty is utterly unselfish, and whose trust in the integrity of its administration is unquestioning.

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Briefly stated, the principle at stake was: Shall the man seek the office or shall the office seek the man? We all know upon which of these two views the modern political battles in city, state and nation are waged. And we are all familiar with the resulting hoop-de-doo of mutual accusations, recriminations, trades, subterfuges, stratagems, reprisals and victor's spoils which follow in its train. Leaving out all personalities, does the Y.D.V.A. wish to follow that road?

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Understand, it is principles we are talking about — not men. DOINGS sincerely believes that personal glory was NOT the goal of the defeated candidate. It sincerely believes that his

candidacy was prompted by the desire of himself and his friends — many of whom knew him well and didn't know the other candidate at all — to see him render still greater service in a position of higher honor. But the principle still remains, pointing a foreboding finger toward the future, when perhaps some less qualified man — with less modesty — and a greater passion for high honor — *may* subjugate loyalty to the soaring flight of personal ambition.

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Let us see if there is real need for opposition to the old system. There *is* need for it:

1. If it has resulted in the past in the choice of poorly qualified officers.

2. If the Association has been going down hill rather than up hill.

3. If any group of members can truthfully point out a single breach of faith on the part of any leader.

4. If the selection of candidates has become the prerogative of a self-perpetuating minority.

5. If it has deprived any man recognition of his merits as officer material.

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Not one of these premises is defensible. Take them in turn:

1. Name a single poorly qualified Past National President! Take for example the last five: Col. Bill Blake, Bird Keach, Len Maloney, Al Herman, Ray Doucette. Let their record speak for itself. Five men from three different states who have each devoted one year of his life, in unselfish loyalty, to working his heart out for the Association.

2. The Association today has more members than it ever had on any June 1; more money in the treasury than at any time in the past six or seven years. Up hill or down hill?

3. The personal integrity of every past leader is spotless. Name one instance where any one of them has used his office for gain.

4. The selection of candidates is made by the Nominating Committee. This committee is composed of one man from each of the seven Departments of the Association. It is selected by the National Executive Committee in which each chapter, no matter how small, has an equal voice. Does this look like a self-perpetuating minority?

5. Has any man been deprived recognition of his merits? Every member of the Y.D.V.A. has the opportunity to become National Commander. But let that opportunity be offered him because of outstanding leadership. It will be. Every nominating committee we have ever seen has been comprised of men of fairness and justice, moved only by a sense of responsibility to choose the best they can find, without favoritism, without thought of geography or old outfits.

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For the good of our old Association, let future qualifications be thrashed out in committee. And let us, like loyal YD men and true, have faith in their wisdom and fairness. There is no room in the Y.D.V.A. for the bickerings and skirmishes of the political arena.

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All of us will know our new Commander, Ed Miller, better before the year is over. Your editor has known him a long time. The Association has made no mistake. Unite and give him the best there is in you: he will give you his best.

# A SQUIRREL'S-EYE VIEW OF THE CONVENTION IN PROVIDENCE

One of the most noticeable attributes of that furry-tailed rodent, the squirrel, is his agility in getting from place to place in the fastest possible manner, and in consequence getting a new view of things about ten times a minute. There were times in Providence when your reporter's agility was in sad contrast to that of the squirrel; times when his observation post commanded only the view of bed-room furniture rocking upon a storm-tossed sea. But on the whole, he did get about a bit, and herein will attempt to hop from limb to limb in a general panorama of the four days' festivities.

As has been said here each year until repetition is tedious, the only way to know what a Convention is like is to be there. So don't hope to gather from these cold, black-and-white printed pages all of the warmth and conviviality of massed crowds, martial music, rousing songs, fluttering flags, rainbow-hued uniforms — mo-

ments solemn with memories or light-winged with laughter.

Each of the many events will be described in its place in the pages which follow. All we hope to do here is create a general atmosphere. If we stop to think that the morning and evening newspapers of Providence, for four days, ran scores of columns of descriptive writing, full pages of pictures of reverent ceremonies and mad antics, it will be seen how hopeless is the task of one man, with only a dozen or so small pages at his disposal, to tell anything like one half of the story. And while we're on the subject, the coverage of the YD Convention by the press, both in that city and elsewhere in New England, including the big papers in Boston, was the most magnificent and outstanding bit of co-operation the YD has known since it came back from France in 1919. DOINGS doesn't know just who is responsible, but the heartfelt appreciation of the Association is freely bestowed where it is due. We only wish that every man who could not be there might at least have a complete file of the Providence *Journal* and the *Evening Bulletin* for the five days, May 19 to 23 inclusive. Another year, if we could be sure of such a splendid job, we would advise every single member who finds himself unable to go, to enter his subscription for the local daily papers of the Convention period and have them mailed to his address.

In general any Convention can be divided into two general topics: business and fun. In Providence, the "business" lasted for three sessions, Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Saturday morning. Rather than a recital — pages in length — of the actual proceedings of these meetings, hour by hour and minute by minute, DOINGS has chosen to hit the high spots with a series of short articles. Also under the head of "business," might be recorded the dedication, on Sunday, of the bronze plaque in the Hall of Flags at the State House, to General EDWARDS. This too, is given an article by itself.

The "fun" of a convention is harder to get into print. Such events as the military parade on Saturday; the horribles parade on Thursday night, the Ball on Friday night, etc., are not so hard; but those represent less than half of the "fun." The rest takes place in hotel lobbies, in rooms, in restaurants, on the street, at outfit dinners, and a hundred other places. Even your somewhat aging and slightly corpulent squirrel couldn't be at all of them. Each man has his own story to tell.

Before we pass on to the recording of individual parts of the program, a few generalities. This Nineteenth Annual Program in Providence registered from the opening gun as one of the greatest of all time. Perhaps there weren't as many as at Worcester in 1936, when the bonus had just been paid; but if so the difference in numbers was unnoticeable. The YD owned the city from noon on Thursday until the last few drifted homeward late Sunday evening. Crowds such as Providence has seldom witnessed jam-packed the streets Thursday night and Saturday afternoon — this on the word of their own newspapers. The section in the vicinity of the Biltmore was a riot of color and a bedlam of sound for four solid days. In fact, as YD Conventions go, it was a wow from first to last. And DOINGS has a reputation for being pretty conservative in its estimates of one convention as contrasted with another.

Perhaps as good a comment as any we heard was offered by an elevator boy at the Biltmore on Sunday afternoon after the "tumult and the shouting" had died; and the YD had picked up its tents like the Arabs and silently stolen away. Said we, "Well, that battle is over for another year." Replied he, "Yeh, and you guys won it! I've never been through anything like it before."

Never were Convention plans worked out with greater care or detail — never did that care and hard work result in so smooth an operation of every item on the schedule. We wonder how many readers know the brain-deadening, body-wearying WORK that goes into the arranging of a successful convention. We wish you could have been with us at 1:00 A. M. on Sunday, with the committee members in their reception room; we wish you could have seen the reddened eys, the stooped shoulders, the jittery nerves of these splendid fellows who did this for you and me. Bravo and a soldier's salute to every last one of them — and, although he would be first to disclaim it — a salvo of guns to the most self-sacrificing of them all — to HOWARD HUNT, Executive Secretary, trouble-shooter par excellence. May he have a summer of rest and happiness.

So, with a back-drop of pulsing drums and glittering colors, ebbing and flowing through the packed streets and hotel foyers, with the spirit of Mardi Gras warming your veins, we pass on to tell of what actually DID happen and how.

# THE BIG PARADE

The absolute tops — the apex — of any veteran convention is the military parade. To the citizenry of the host city, oftentimes the parade IS the Convention. The YD most certainly did not let the good people of Providence down. They put on their show and strutted their stuff — and HOW!

Just a few figures to show that the old YD has crashed the major league circuit when it comes to putting on the big show. Police estimated that 250,000 people witnessed the two mile march. Ninety uniformed musical organizations, senior and junior, had filled out entry slips, and by actual count 73 of them passed the reviewing stand in front of City Hall where Gov. Quinn, Mayor Dunne and other officials took the review. For over three and a half hours, the parade marched by any given point, and there was scarcely a halt from start to finish.

Each year the youngsters come in for more and more of their share of the thrill of marching in bright hued uniforms. Yes, we are getting older, but the kiddoes are adding the color now. Still the old boys can take it, and fully half of the bands, drill teams and drum corps, were comprised of the veterans themselves.

### Y.D.V.A.'s Own Juniors

And right here and now, hat's off, to the first appearance on any streets of junior drum corps sponsored by our own YDVA Chapters. Two were in line; one Post No. 1 of the Sons and Daughters of the Y.D.V.A., of New Bedford, led by President Bill Dresner, proud as punch, and rightfully so; and second the children of Worcester Chapter, led by Al Rand, who marched the route twice, once with his chapter, again with his kiddoes.

The following description is taken from the Providence Sunday *Journal,* and is probably better than anything your DOINGS reporter could turn out:

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In that brief troop movement of the old regiments, the Yankee Division easily captured the quarter million or more friendly enemies who were banked 10 and 12 deep from the curbs on either side of the line of march, bombarding the invaders with snowstorms of confetti, pillow feathers and even flowers.

For the YD men it was a day something like the Armistice, a homecoming, and a Fourth of July all rolled in one. Many of them marched when they felt like it, fell out and conducted their own personal review, and then fell back in line again for more marching.

### Any Old Uniform O. K.

The YD men wore anything and everything from a French general's dress parade uniform to a pair of white duck pants and a white shirt. Instead of heavy packs and rifles, they had Sam Browne belts on their shoulders, and, in some instances, two-quart glasses of beer in their hands.

Several men marched in the old wartime O. D. shoddy, but even 20 years of tender pressing had failed to take the corrugations out of the shoddy, put there when the uniforms went through the live steam of the delouser and the soldiers went through their first bath in weeks.

### One G. A. R. Veteran

One Civil War veteran and a company of Spanish War veterans were in line.

Up near the wind-chopped colors of the illustrious division, an automobile bore a large, framed photograph, draped in black. The photograph was of Major General Clarence R. Edwards, who died Feb. 14, 1931.

The marching men of the 26th, no longer lean of jaw or narrow of hip, saved their best salutes for the gold star mothers, as they swung along. The rattling drums were 1917, the bugles' shrill blare was 1917, the tread of thousands of feet was 1917. The mothers saw the parade through misty memories. It was still their own 26th Division.

The parade, which moved in nine divisions, got under way at the Cranston Street Armory at 1:45 o'clock, which was 45 minutes late, and it was shortly after 2 o'clock when Major John E. Baird, chief marshal, and his staff guided the unwinding ribbon of color around the City Hall corner and out across the Mall. The last unit of the parade passed the hall at 4:05 p. m.

### Marshal's Aides

Heading the parade with Chief Marshal Baird were Capt. Mark P. Rancourt, 103d F. A., chief of staff; Capt. John Rancourt, O. R. C., Capt. Ernest J. Woods, 103d F. A., and Capt. Arthur E. H. Darcy, 103d F. A.

The color guard, bearing the flaming silks of the nation, division, and state, was at the head of the column. Commander Charles H. Lewis, of the Department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic, rode near the head of the procession, with the marching aides to the chief marshal in YD uniforms.

The first three Divisions were composed of the 13th Infantry, regular army, blue-jackets from the Newport Training Station, a provisional battalion of the 243rd C.A.C. and the 118th and 103rd Engineers; units of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, D.A.V. A complete Division of letter carriers in honor of Air-Mail week, all interspersed with scores of brightly garbed bands and drum corps.

**Our Own YD**

Our own YD National officers, including the old and new Commanders of the Y.D.V.A., headed the Fourth Division, which included the famous St. Agnes Fife and Drum Corps of Providence.

In the first section of the Fourth Division, YD men from Los Angeles, Denver, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington, Newark and New York marched, many in gay uniforms, others in mufti. Those not in special uniforms wore the common Blue Devil beret and carried canes.

The second section of this division included YD chapters from Terryville, Willimantic, Hartford, Norwalk, Waterbury, Bridgeport, New Britain, New Haven, Stamford and many other Connecticut towns.

Massachusetts YD men marched in the Fifth division, with strong representations from Boston, Springfield, Worcester, Fall River, New Bedford, Lowell, Attleboro, Taunton, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Medford and scores of other points.

Salem men marched to the music of the Salem Scottish Band, and a group of pretty Salem girls carried witches' brooms.

In the Sixth division, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine poured out their hundreds of YD men.

The Department of Rhode Island marched in the Seventh division which was headed by the La Salle Academy Band, one of the best musical organizations in the parade. The Paine White and Gold Drum Corps of Providence headed the second section of the Seventh division, in which marched the Y.D.V.A. auxiliary for the Department of the United States, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. The McKenna-McAllister Ladies' Auxiliary Band was among the well-cheered musical organizations in this section.

In the Eighth division, many smaller groups of YD and other veteran organizations, not originally planning to take part in the parade, marched to the music of half a dozen bands.

No parade in Providence ever had more or better music. Judges had a difficult time trying to decide the winners of the prizes in various divisions.

The bandsmen marched in green and white, in blue and gold, black and gold, maroon and white, and a hundred and one other color combinations. The uniforms of the bandsmen — and the girl musicians — were borrowed from many World War outfits and from the military costumes of other wars.

Division officials said the parade here saw the greatest muster of YD strength since the parade just before the division was demobilized in April, 1919, at Boston.

After the last of the big parade reached the reviewing stand, it broke up into a succession of smaller, informal parades, and at a late hour that night many of the YD men were still parading through the main and side streets, through hotels and "dugouts."

It was the big day of the convention and the parade was the biggest show of all.

# ORGANIZATIONS WINNING PRIZES IN THE PARADE

**Junior Drum Corps**

First prize, $100 — Sons of V. F. W., Post No. 1, Boston.

Second prize, $75 — Sons of American Legion, Armistice Post, of Pawtucket.

Third prize, $50 — Sacred Heart Corps of Malden, Mass.

**Bands**

First prize, $150 — Company D, 101st Engineers, of Boston.

Second prize, tie between La Salle Academy Band of Providence and the R. I. State College Band, and the $100 second prize and $75 third prize split between the two bands. No third prize given because of the tie.

**Senior Drum Corps**

First prize, $150 — Old Dorchester American Legion of Dorchester, Mass.

Second prize, $100 — St. Agnes Fife and Drum Corps of Providence.

Third prize, $75 — Springfield, Mass., Corps, American Legion.

**Ladies' Auxiliaries**

First prize, $75 — Worcester Post, No. 5, American Legion Auxiliary.

Second prize, $50 — Gilbert Perry Ladies' Auxiliary Corps of Attleboro, Mass.

Third prize, $25 — Bessie Edwards Cadets of Boston.

**Special Prizes**

Prize for the musical unit coming the longest distance, $50 — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of Nashua, N. H.

Prize for the most unique unit, $50 — Salem Scotch Band of Salem, Mass.

Prize for the unit having the largest band, $75 — La Salle Academy Band.

The judges, all Bostonians with musical affiliations, were Mark King, Oscar Bohlin, Arvid Alm, Frederick Churchley and R. W. Beyer.

May DOINGS add as a footnote, that all of the above prizes have been paid by certified check.

# THE CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSIONS - IN BRIEF

Three business meetings were held at the Nineteenth Annual Convention in Providence; the first on Friday afternoon, May 19; the second on Saturday morning, May 20; and the final one, at which the only business conducted was the election of officers, on Saturday morning, May 21.

All three meetings were held in the Ball Room of the 15th floor of the Biltmore Hotel — a room admirably adapted for the purpose, both in size, beauty, and accessibility, being right at the center of activity and easy of access without chasing all over town.

The meetings were better attended than any in the history of Conventions of the Association; there being at scarcely any time less than 150 in attendance, and often as many as 300. This was partly due to the impending election contest, partisans of each candidate being unwilling to be caught absent when election came up; but it seemed also to be due in large measure to an active interest in what was going on at the moment.

All three meetings were presided over by the National President A. Raymond Doucette, until, by the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution he became National Commander rather than President (and as such, continued to preside). The speakers from the platform, i.e. the presiding officer, other national officers, and distinguished guests had available for their use the finest-working public address system of microphone and amplifiers your correspondent has ever seen. The Chairman made use of the once-a-year ceremonial gavel, made of a huge bowling ball, presented to the Association in Portland in 1932. But be it said, he seldom had to use it. In fact, not once in the three sessions was it necessary to rap for order. That goes as a double tribute; in fact as a triple tribute; the first to the sense of pride of the members attending and their close interest in the work at hand; second to the efficiency of the several men who from time to time acted as sergeant-at-arms at the door; and perhaps more than to either of these to the truly masterly chairmanship of Commander Doucette — his coolness and deliberation, fairness and dignity.

In the absence of the National Sgt.-at-Arms, Joe Perry of Portland, several men acted in that capacity at one time or another — all of them well known. These included Marty Taylor of Boston; Guy Watts of Boston; Mike Early of Worcester; Bill Thompson of Bristol, and one or two others for briefer periods. No one was admitted without a membership card or else being checked up with the membership file at the door, except members of the press.

Many important pieces of business were transacted. To name but a few: election of national officers; decision as to next year's Convention city; awarding of trophies for achievement to certain chapters; awarding of certificates of merit to individuals for outstanding service during the past year; gold rings for obtaining 25 or more new members; the adopting of two amendments to the National Constitution and the rejection of a third; action upon seven resolutions; reports from the Commander, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the several Department Commanders, recommendations to the incoming administration; the bestowing of Past National Presidents' gold medals upon three of the Association's former leaders; addresses from high officials of state and city and of the military establishment, also from many distinguished leaders in the wartime Division.

DOINGS feels sure that its readers are not especially interested in just *when* during the proceedings these matters were taken up. So each is given a separate article by itself.

# DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO GENERAL EDWARDS

By far the most solemn, and in many ways the most beautiful ceremony of the YD's four-day Convention was the final event on Sunday afternoon, at the Rhode Island State House, when the Division unveiled a memorial bronze plaque to General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS.

The arrangements, under the direction of Chairman ED MARA, were flawless. The wide green lawns of the Capitol building lay under a bright sun, and a deep blue sky, flecked with fleecy clouds. From their eminence upon the hilltop, the hundreds who attended the ceremony on the south plaza of the magnificent marble building could command a view of the whole city.

Seated upon the terrace at the top of the long monumental flight of wide stone steps, were the outgoing and incoming National Commanders of the Y.D.V.A., officiating clergy, General COLE, Governor Quinn, Mayor Dunne, Justice Francis B. Condon of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, Past National President LEN MALONEY and AL HERMAN, other National officers and distinguished guests; flanked by several sets of national and YD Chapter colors, guarded by uniformed color guards.

Following introductory remarks by Chm. MARA, invocation was spoken by the Reverend Joseph J. McNamara, in the uniform of a war chaplain.

Addresses in tribute to the loving memory of the YD's "Daddy" were paid in glowing words by Justice Condon, Mayor Dunne, Commander DOUCETTE, Commander-elect MILLER.

Justice Condon assured the veterans that Rhode Island is jealous of the honor of the men whom she honors permanently in the State House, but said that John Sullivan, Nathaniel Greene and Oliver Hazard Perry "will not begrudge the representation now accorded your commander among these great leaders of ours of the past."

The two principal addresses were delivered by Governor Quinn and General COLE.

Governor Quinn, after reviewing the accomplishments of the wartime Division, and quoting its many citations from the French high command, concluded: "Let us hope there will always be other commanders as worthy of the name of General as Major General CLARENCE RANSOM EDWARDS, whose leadership we now extol; whose name we now perpetuate in bronze in this Hall of Flags in the rotunda of the Rhode Island State House; whose final accolade is the unquenchable devotion which the men of the YD carry in their consciousness."

General COLE, who perhaps knew General EDWARDS more intimately than any other speaker present, in the course of his address, paid the following tribute: "Perhaps he was the only general in the American army who realized that to be truly a general, and truly a great military leader, a man needs not only military knowledge, but must be able to make his men love him and willingly follow him wherever he will lead. The love of his men made General EDWARDS the great commander that he was."

During the ceremony, Miss Ellen Knox sang in a beautiful clear contralto, a song to the music of the old wartime favorite "Smiles," ending with the lines: "But the smiles we save for General EDWARDS, come from the heart of the old YD."

Upon the conclusion of the outdoor ceremonies, Commander DOUCETTE, Commander-elect MILLER, R. I. Dep't. President HUNT, and Past National President HERMAN, all in uniform, and accompanied by the Governor as Chief Executive of the State and Gen. COLE, representing the Governor of Massachusetts, proceeded through the rotunda of the capitol, followed by other distinguished guests and the veterans and friends of the Division. The bronze plaque, mounted in the wall close by Rhode Island's battle flags was unveiled by the outgoing and incoming Commanders, while Past Nat. President HERMAN and State Commander HUNT placed a wreath below it, and all stood for a moment of silence. Miss Knox sang, "As the Flag Goes By."

The officers of the Association, followed by distinguished guests and YD members then passed in single file by the tablet to pause a moment for a salute to their old commander.

The tablet itself bears the familiar YD insignia on a raised diamond and these words are inscribed:

*In memory of Major General Clarence R. Edwards, D.S.M. Commanding officer during the great World War and beloved "Daddy" of the 26th Yankee Division. No leader was more loved or more respected. No leader was a greater inspiration to his men.*

# DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Among the many men distinguished in the field of government, civic or military affairs who addressed the sessions of the YD Convention were the following:

caused an official proclamation to be issued, calling for the national flag to be flown on all public buildings during the four days of the Convention.

*Photo by the Boston Advertiser.*

Left to right: Retiring National Commander RAY DOUCETTE; Past National President Gen. CHARLES H. COLE; Past National President Col. WILLIAM J. KEVILLE; Brig. Gen. JOHN H. AGNEW, former Adjt. General of Mass.; FRED H. FLAHAVAN, Commander of Ohio Chapter.

Governor Robert E. Quinn of Rhode Island, who brought the welcome of the state to the business session of the Convention; made the principal address on Sunday at the State House dedicatory exercises, and also spoke informally at the dinner to the National officers and members of the Convention Corporation at the Pomham Club on Friday afternoon. In fact, throughout the months of preparations, and during the convention itself, Governor Quinn proved himself a staunch friend and willing helper. He

Lt. Governor RAYMOND JORDAN, himself a YD man, who in his speech to the meeting combined a touch of the formality of a high state executive with the pleasant camaraderie of "one YD buddy to another."

Mayor James E. Dunne of Providence, whose enthusiastic spirit of friendship and enjoyment of all the festivities in which he took part was evident.

General CHARLES H. COLE, representing his Excellency Governor Charles F. Hurley of

Massachusetts, and also himself as a Past National President of the Association.

Col. WILLIAM J. KEVILLE, Past National President.

Gen. JOHN H. SHERBURNE, Past National President.

Major RALPH H. ROBART (104th Inf.), National Commander of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor.

Gen. JOHN H. AGNEW, former Adjutant General of Massachusetts.

Major General DANIEL NEEDHAM, who brought the greetings of the Twenty-Sixth Division, Massachusetts National Guard, of which he is the Commanding General, and spoke interestingly of the personnel and equipment of the present Division.

Among others were: Secretary of State Louis Cappelli; Department Commander FRANK MCCAFFREY of the American Legion; Arthur Geary, Adjudication officer of the Veterans Administration, Connecticut regional office; Mr. Radiken, veterans placement officer of Rhode Island.

JERRY O'LEARY, General Chairman, and LAURENCE COOK, President of the Providence Convention Committee.

Major JOHN BAIRD, Chief Marshal of the military parade and sheriff of Providence County.

Captain John C. Wall, of Governor Quinn's staff, representing the National Guard of Rhode Island, who brought the greetings of the military establishment of the state.

The Manager of the regional office of the Veterans Administration, Dr. Louis H. Normandin, who tendered the personal felicitations of Administrator General Hines.

# ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

The high spot in this year's Convention was the election, on Saturday morning, May 21, of the national officers for the coming year.

At the Thursday afternoon session, it was voted that the election of the one contested office, that of National Commander, should be held by secret ballot. Authority was also given the Chair to set the time for the election after conferring with the rival camps. As neither one would pin themselves down to a certain hour, the Chair announced on Friday morning that an additional session would be held at 9:30 on Saturday morning for the purpose of election. This seemed agreeable to all, as Saturday morning represents the "peak load" of attendance at any Convention, and each candidate could be expected to muster his greatest strength.

Throughout the preceding two days, campaigning went on apace; with signs of "Miller for National Commander" displayed in the hotel lobbies and on little tags in the button-holes of his supporters. Fewer were signs of "Elliott for National Commander."

The Saturday morning session opened with prayer by Father Temple, candidate for National Chaplain, and a salute to the colors. The first order of business was the reading of the Nominating Committee's report by Chairman of the Committee AL HERMAN. Following this, the Nat. Secretary announced, that by authority vested in him following the meeting of the Nominating Committee in April, several withdrawals from nomination had been received, and the vacancies filled by the nominating committee member from the state involved.

The Chair then asked if any further nominations had been received in accordance with the Constitution, and the Secretary read the nomination papers of CLYDE O. ELLIOTT of Worcester for National Commander.

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for all uncontested offices, as nominated by the Nominating Committee. This was carried out.

Ballots were then distributed to every member present for his vote for National Commander, by five men appointed by the Chair. P.N.P. LEN MALONEY and ERNEST E. O'BRIEN of Milford, Mass. were appointed teller and judges.

Certain presentations and other amenities were carried out during the counting of the ballots. These are told of elsewhere.

The announcement of the ballot, made by the Chair was as follows:

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| Total ballots cast ..... | 287 |
| For CLYDE O. ELLIOTT .... | 66 |
| For EDGAR F. MILLER ..... | 221 |

The Chair declared MILLER elected. ELLIOTT moved that the election be made unanimous, and this was seconded and so VOTED. The rest was bedlam let loose, with flash bulbs and marching throngs on all sides.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

National Commander, EDGAR F. MILLER (102nd Inf.) (Hartford, Ct. Chapter).

National Chaplain, Rev. THOMAS F. TEMPLE (101st Tr. Hq.) (New York Chapter).

National Treasurer, L. H. Redfield (101st Engrs.) (Boston Chapter).

National Judge Advocate, Harold J. Smith (101st F. Signal Bn.) (Boston Chapter).

National Service Officer, Frank W. Coppinger (101st Engrs.) (Boston Chapter).

fault of any other candidate having been nominated and accepting nomination).

Mass.: Edwin J. Noyes (104th Inf.) (Worcester Chapter).

R. I.: Howard W. Hunt (104th Amb. Co.) (Providence Chapter).

*Photo by the Boston Advertiser.*

Candidate for National Commander Ed Miller signs up for the duration. Left to right: Miss Ellen Knox, hostess; Ray Cook of Providence Convention Comm.; Ed Miller; Howard W. Hunt, Commander of Department of R. I.; Mr. Mullaney, Manager of Hotel Biltmore.

National Americanism Officer, Harry W. Bugbee (104th Inf.) (Member-at-Large, Vt.).

National Historian, Laurence H. Cook (102nd Inf.) (Providence Chapter).

National Sgt.-at-Arms, Harry T. Robertson (103rd Inf.) (Hartford Chapter).

National Vice Commanders for:

Maine: Raymond O. Torrey (103rd Inf.) (Member-at-Large, Bangor, Me.).

N. H.: Eugene Dugas (103rd Inf.) (Manchester, N. H. Chapter).

Vermont: Arthur W. Smith (101st Engrs.) (Springfield, Vt. Chapter). Holds over by de-

Conn.: Raymond B. Kincaid (102nd M.G. Bn.) (Bristol Chapter).

U. S.: Peter Sady (104th Inf.) (Detroit, Mich. Chapter).

Three additional members-at-large of National Executive Committee:

Robert R. Reyburn (102nd Inf.) (Bridgeport, Conn. Chapter).

John T. Sullivan (101st Inf.) (Lynn, Mass. Chapter).

George K. Mitchell (104th Amb. Co.) (Southern California Chapter).

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

In submitting the following report, comprised of two parts (1) Report of Assets and Liabilities; and (2) Report of Income and Expense, as submitted to the Annual Convention; your Treasurer and your Auditing Committee take a great deal of pride.

For the first time in many years, assets on April 1, 1938 exceeded liabilities. There were no bills payable. There was sufficient capital on hand to cover all reserve for pre-paid and life membership dues; and over and above all, the Association boasted a net worth of $298.18.

Income for the year exceeded expenses by $2,527.52; thus wiping out all of last year's deficit and building up the nearly $300.00 surplus noted in the preceding paragraph.

**Exhibit A**

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT MARCH 31, 1938

**Assets**

| | | |
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| Cash | | $ 1,370.05 |
| Savings Deposits | | 28.85 |
| Life Membership Funds | | 300.00 |
| Interest Accrued | | 11.40 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 147.95 |
| Prepaid Items | | 214.22 |
| Equipment | $310.50 | |
| *Less* Reserve for Depreciation | 292.96 | 17.54 |
| Total Assets | | $ 2,090.01 |

**Liabilities**

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|---|---|
| Loan Payable | $ 250.00 |
| Expenses Accrued | 54.82 |
| Reserve for Dues Prepaid | 1,187.00 |
| Reserve for L. M. Invest. Fund | 300.00 |
| Net Worth | 298.19 |
| Total Liabilities | $ 2,090.01 |

**Exhibit B**

INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1938

**Income**

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| Membership Dues | $ 7,410.00 |
| Christmas Cards Income | 156.95 |
| Advertising Income | 359.87 |
| Subscriptions | 15.50 |
| Sales | 7.00 |
| Interest | 1.56 |
| Miscellaneous | 17.46 |
| Contributions | 2,776.51 |
| Total Income | $10,744.85 |

**Expenses**

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| Yankee Doings Expenses | | |
| Printing | $ 3,425.96 | |
| Wrappers | 44.10 | |
| Wrapping | 123.00 | |
| Postage | 219.28 | |
| Express Charges | 11.11 | |
| Miscellaneous Charges | 18.09 | |
| Total Yankee Doings Expenses | | 3,841.54 |
| Other Expenses | | |
| Salaries | $ 2,359.67 | |
| Rent | 600.00 | |
| Advertising Commissions | 91.21 | |
| Office Expense | 128.75 | |
| Stationery & Printing | 23.17 | |
| Membership Expense | 263.98 | |
| Postage | 172.63 | |
| Annual Convention Expense | 50.60 | |
| Travel Expenses | 240.95 | |
| Bank Charges | 13.59 | |
| Depreciation of Equipment | 31.05 | |
| Telephone Charges | 22.55 | |
| Social Security Tax | 36.32 | |
| Administrative Expenses | 301.21 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 40.11 | 4,375.79 |
| Total Expenses | | $ 8,217.33 |

**Totals**

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| Income | $10,744.85 |
| Less Expenses | 8,217.33 |
| Income in excess of Expenses | $ 2,527.52 |

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. REDFIELD
National Treasurer

We affirm the above statement to be in accordance with the books of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, as audited by us:

ALBERT M. PACIFICI
AUSTIN F. APPLEBY
MICHAEL GAROFANO
Auditing Committee.

# OUR NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER served as Captain of Supply Co., 102nd Infantry. He is married, has two children, lives at 74 Van Buren Ave., West Hartford. In civil life he is employed by the Preferred Accident Insurance Co. of New York, as agency supervisor, covering much New England territory. In the Y.D.V.A., he was the founder and first President of Hartford Chapter, now one of the largest and best organized in the country. He has served as a Department Officer in Connecticut, and been one of half a dozen men who have brought Connecticut to the forefront in Association affairs.

National Chaplain, the Reverend THOMAS F. TEMPLE, served as an enlisted man in 101st Train Hq., later entered the priesthood. From personal acquaintance in Providence, as well as unanimous reports of members of New York Chapter of which he is a member, he is a gentleman of gracious presence and personal charm. Loyal to the YD and all it stands for.

National Treasurer L. H. REDFIELD needs no enconiums here. His six or seven year regime as Treasurer finds its highest vindication in the annual treasurer's report printed in this issue. He is Real Estate Officer for the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co., is married, has one daughter, lives in Weston, Mass.

National Judge Advocate HAROLD J. SMITH is well known to every member of the Boston Club, of which he is Past President — perhaps not as well known elsewhere. As an extremely successful member of the bar, and assistant district attorney of Norfolk County; his advice has been of incalculable value to the YD Club of Boston over a span of years. It will be no less valuable to the National Association.

National Service Officer FRANK W. COPPINGER has an article all to himself in this issue, captioned "Rehabilitation."

National Americanism Officer HARRY W. BUGBEE (104th Inf.) of Highgate Center, Vt. is well known to readers of DOINGS through his monthly bulletins published during the past year. No more rugged adherant of the principles of freedom and democracy, no more able exponent of those principles by the spoken or written word, could well be found. During the coming year, efforts will be made to spread his words, as the stand of the old YD before the general public rather than among the Association itself.

National Historian LAURENCE H. COOK (102nd Inf.) of Providence has given able administration as president of Providence Chapter and President of the YD Convention Corporation. Suited by nature and training to the job of Historian, he will take over where LEROY CODDING of Keene has left off in preserving a progressive file of the events of the Association's history.

Commander MILLER has announced the appointment of HARRY T. ROBERTSON (103rd Inf.) as National Sergeant-at-Arms.

As for the Department Presidents. RAY TORREY of Bangor, Me. is an unknown quantity so far as YANKEE DOINGS is concerned. He came most highly recommended by his predecessor, FRED SHAW.

GENE DUGAS (103rd Inf.), President of Manchester, N. H. Chapter, was the choice of his own Department on his record. For many years the quiet man behind the throne in Manchester, his innate modesty has prevented him taking the highest office. In the few short months he has now had it, Manchester has reached a new all-time high in membership. He now enters the double duty of maintaining that local leadership and taking over the leadership of the whole state.

ARTHUR W. SMITH (101st Engrs.) of Springfield, Vt. carries over by default of nomination until his successor may be found. DOINGS hopes the default lasts the entire year. ART has built Vermont up from a Department with one Chapter a year ago to one with six chapters today!

EDWIN J. "TED" NOYES (104th Inf.) of Worcester, many years Secretary of Worcester Chapter, two years Department Secretary, has grown up with the job. An able presiding officer, a forceful speaker, he has before him the task of building up the weak spots in the largest Department, and bringing about a consciousness of unity in the state.

HOWARD W. HUNT (104th Amb. Co.) of Providence was elected for a second term. His executive ability as Secretary and general all-around counsellor to the Convention Corporation; his prodigious capacity for work, stamp

him as one of the sound heads of the Association — a man who can lead and whom the wise will follow.

RAYMOND B. KINCAID (102nd M.G. Bn.) of Bristol Chapter, elected as President of the Department of Connecticut is a man of that even and lovable temperment which makes it virtually impossible for him to have an enemy. Sound, sincere, level-headed; it is inconceivable to imagine him ever moved by any motive other than the good of the body. He has served in several state offices, and also as a former National Historian.

PETER SADY (104th Inf.) of Detroit, elected as President of the Department of the United States, has given able leadership as President of Detroit Chapter; has built up an esprit de corps and spirit of comradeship unexcelled in the nation among YD Chapters. His task is a difficult one. His territory covers the vast United States excepting little New England. Chapters from New York to Los Angeles will receive instructions and advice from him.

The three additional members of the National Executive Committee were chosen for merit displayed in past years in their own local spheres. BOB REYBURN of Bridgeport; JOHN T. SULLIVAN, Past President of Lynn Chapter; and GEORGE K. MITCHELL, many years Secretary of Los Angeles Chapter, well deserve the honor which has been paid them.

# RESOLUTIONS ACTED UPON BY ANNUAL CONVENTION

Seven resolutions were presented to the Nineteenth Annual Convention. These were placed in the hands of a resolutions committee, appointed by the Chair, and comprised of the following members: JOSEPH GAUTHIER of Worcester, Chairman; RAYMOND J. QUEENIN of Washington, D. C.; WILLIAM W. THOMPSON of Bristol, Conn.; ABIEL M. SMITH of Montpelier, Vt., and EDWIN M. MARA of Providence.

*Resolution A.* Submitted by Past National President LEONARD J. MALONEY, provided that National Secretary PHILIP N. SANBORN be given the title of Past National President of the YD Veterans Association, in consideration of his many years of work for the organization, and the fact that due to his position, he might not seek the actual office himself. Further that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase and present to him a Past National President's gold medal. Report of committee: Favorable.

*Resolution B.* Submitted by the Department of New Hampshire, provided that the Association record itself in favor of U. S. House Bill No. 9629 for the erection of a Veterans Administration Hospital in New Hampshire. Further, that copies of said resolution be sent members of the New Hampshire delegation in both houses of the Congress. Report of committee: Favorable.

*Resolution C.* Submitted by Providence Chapter provided that this Association record itself in favor of a U. S. Veterans Hospital in Rhode Island, a bill to that effect already having been introduced by Rep. AIME J. FORAND. Further that Veterans Affairs Administrator General Hines be requested to make application to the P.W.A. for funds for this purpose; and further that copies of this resolution be sent to General Hines and all New England representatives in Congress. Report of committee: Favorable.

*Resolution D.* Submitted by Providence Chapter, requesting the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department of the U. S. to allot space in the new Federal Bldg. in Providence for the Regional office of the U. S. Veterans Administration. Further, that copies be sent to the Director of Procurement of the Treasury Department; and the Rhode Island delegation in both houses of Congress. Report of committee: Intent of resolution approved, with the provision that it be determined what Federal Department is concerned and that said department be notified of the wishes of the Association.

*Resolution E.* Submitted by Lynn Chapter, sought to make the YD finger ring, as designed and manufactured by C. E. Bissett, Jewelers, of Lynn, an official emblem of this Association. Further that said C. E. Bissett be appointed sole distributor for said ring. Report of committee: Unfavorable, in that it would work against the Association's own sales department, and furthermore preclude any other member securing YD sales with a similar article.

*Resolution F.* Submitted by Haverhill Chapter, sought to curb certain alleged abuses in the administration of the U. S. Civil Service as it applies to veterans. Report of committee: That it has neither time nor information to act intelligently on this resolution; and that it there-

fore recommends that it be referred back to the National Executive Committee for further study, and whatever action said Executive Committee deems proper.

In the absence of Chm. GAUTHIER, Mr. QUEENIN made the above report for the Resolutions Committee. (Full copies of the actual wording of each resolution are filed with the records of the Convention.) QUEENIN suggested that as prolonged debate might ensue, action by the body be delayed until after lunch hour (this was on Friday morning); but on motion of JOE KOLINSKY of Middletown, Ct., duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the report of the committee on each resolution be adopted as the stand of the Convention.

# THE HORRIBLES PARADE

*Photo by the Boston Advertiser.*

A Group of Horribles (and How!)

They said it couldn't be done — but Providence did it! For years, the Y.D.V.A. has been trying to put on a night "horribles" parade at its conventions. And every one has fizzled like a wet fire-cracker.

But the one on Thursday night this year in Providence went off like an H.E. shell with a perfect time fuse. Your would-be reporter had found himself a vantage point on the roof of the two-story set-back in the front facade of the Biltmore Hotel, which was comfortable enough except when a couple of youngsters (afterwards discovered NOT to be YD men) started emptying the feathers out of pillows overhead from one of the windows.

However, John Forbes, of the old Stars and Stripes, now a reporter for the Providence *Journal*, has written a far better account of the antic mummery which filled the streets below for a solid hour and a half; so as a labor-saving device, we'll use his story:

By nightfall things were popping, with a

parade of horribles that brought 150,000 natives to the downtown streets.

As the parade which has had no counterpart in the illustrious history of this famous New England fighting unit in France, got under way, the city reverberated to the beat of many drums, the shrill notes of the bugle stirred old memories and the dancing, prancing mummers moved over the line of march to deafening cheers.

Firecrackers popped at the heels of masqueraders, causing minor injuries to a woman, three girls and a boy.

Led by JERRY O'LEARY, general convention chairman, and Sheriff JOHN E. BAIRD — yes, they have sheriffs in the division now — the parade moved at about 8:40 o'clock.

It was a short war, but a good one while it lasted. The Apremont Family of Pawtucket, moving by donkeys and carts, got the loudest cheers — and first prize among the organizations — as it rolled along, fully equipped for family life with a hogshead of vin rouge, a salad and some sea snails.

The old French railroad equipment came to life again, with many of the mummers moving behind diminutive and faltering locomotives in boxcars that the French always contended were ample transportation for either eight horses or 40 men.

A pretty girl in red tights, red jersey and with lighted horns and tail, led one group of mummers, stabbing at the crowds with an illuminated pitchfork. (The intelligence section reported her name as Roberta Brindell — no phone number).

Babe Ruth strolled arm in arm with a couple of escaped convicts and "YD Gals," who looked like Seven Snow Whites looking for a dwarf. One of the buxom gals kissed a policeman. The officer declined to reveal his identity for publication.

Just to prove the war is over, a Warren Clown Band played gay German tunes.

Two men near the entrance to the Biltmore leaned on crutches and cheered the mummers. They wore YD buttons.

"We haven't marched much for some time — but we're still with it," one of them said.

**Winners Announced**

After the parade passed, the judges, Eddie Healey, Wilfred J. Paquin, chief of the motor vehicle division, and John F. Radikin, veterans' placement representative for Rhode Island in the United States Department of Labor, announced the winners of the $400 prize money as follows:

**First Prizes**

Individual — Perley Bowley, "the Bridgewater Blimp," as Babe Ruth.

Organization — Apremont Chapter of the Yankee Division of Pawtucket.

Team — Kent County Voiture, 40 and 8, with its doughboy approximation of travel by French chemin de fer.

**Second Prizes**

Individual — Miss Roberta Brindell, drum major of Stark-Parker Drum and Bugle Corps of East Providence.

Organization — St. Anthony Council, Knights of Columbus, Drum Corps.

Team — Blackstone Valley Voiture 1166, 40 and 8, with locomotive and box car.

**Third Prizes**

Individual — A youth, masquerading as a convict; name and number not yet known to the judges.

Organization — The New Bedford 40 and 8, as blackamoors.

Team — Springfield Chapter, Yankee Division.

**Fourth Prize**

Organization — Clown Band of Warren Post, American Legion.

**150,000 in Crowd**

Capt. Joseph V. McGuirl, in charge of the 200 police of the parade detail, estimated the crowd along the line of march at "more than 150,000."

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## PAST PRESIDENT'S MEDAL AWARDED BILL McGINNIS

A brief and touching ceremony took place on the evening of Friday, June 3, at the Soldiers Home Hospital in Chelsea, Mass., when Past National Commander RAY DOUCETTE, accompanied by PHIL SANBORN, Col. KEVILLE, and a group of members of Lynn Chapter, presented the P.N.P. gold medal to Major BILLY MCGINNIS, who served in the highest office of the Association during the year 1928-1929.

BILL has been a patient at the hospital for years, suffering from chronic bronchial asthma. He dies a dozen deaths a week, to be brought back by oxygen or hypodermic injections. Over 7000 such injections have been administered during the past five or six years.

Gasping for very life beneath the oxygen tent; touched and broken by the token of esteem; our old Commander could say: "Let my answer and my deep emotion be expressed by silence."

# HARTFORD FOR THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

With not a dissenting voice nor even another invitation, Hartford, Conn. was chosen, on motion of LEN MALONEY, as the host city for next year's Twentieth Annual Convention.

With the National Commander a Hartford man — with one of the largest Chapters in the Association located there — with a promise from all the hotels that the rates will not be upped a single cent — with one of New England's most beautiful and most central cities as the choice — Hartford looks like another "natural."

It will probably be held in June as in former years until this year. Start saving your pennies; Chapters start the "Convention Club" idea. Providence was too good to miss, Hartford bids fair to be as good or better.

# TROPHIES AWARDED TO CHAPTERS

Three trophies were awarded at this year's Convention to three different Chapters for outstanding achievement. The ceremony of presentation added a note of good fellowship and appreciation of work well done to the business of the convention.

The National Commander's Trophy, presented by National Commander RAY DOUCETTE to the Chapter — in existence at the time of the Portland Convention in June, 1937 — which had shown the greatest percentage of increase in membership over that date at the time of the Providence Convention, was awarded to Manchester, Connecticut Chapter for an increase of over 200%. A beautiful polished bronze replica of the Seal of the Association, mounted on polished wood, with place for inscription of the achievement for which it was awarded; it was received by President GARDNER WELD of Manchester Chapter, who gave all praise to his hard-working membership committee chairman, JEFF BLANCHARD.

The General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS Trophy for Civic Achievement, presented each year by Past National President LEN MALONEY was a striking sculptured figure in silver, standing beneath a Doric pediment. The donor, in commenting upon his decision, mentioned that but three chapters had laid claim to the trophy: (1) New Haven Chapter for the erection and dedication of the memorial statue to Corporal TIMMY AHEARN (reported in a previous issue of DOINGS); (2) Springfield, Mass. Chapter for the dedication of the CLARENCE R. EDWARDS Bridge and Triangle (reported in this issue); and (3) the Waterbury Conn. Chapter for its sponsorship of the "YD Big Brother Club" (reported in a previous issue.) On the basis of the actual civic achievement involved, he awarded the trophy to Waterbury; and in the absence of Commander PROVOST, it was received by Department Commander CUNNINGHAM, a member of Waterbury Chapter. LEN urged other chapters to engage in civic affairs, and contend for the trophy in future years.

The third trophy, awarded by the New Haven *Register* (are we right?) was unfortunately left behind in New Haven. It was to be awarded to the largest new Chapter formed during the year; and the winner was announced from official figures to be Apremont Chapter of Pawtucket, R. I.

# ACTION TAKEN ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Three proposed amendments were offered to the Nineteenth Annual Convention for its action.

The first sought to make the National Sergeant-at-Arms an appointive office at the bestowal of the National Commander, rather than an elective office, sponsored by the National Executive Committee. This was unanimously adopted without debate.

The second sought to change the official titles of National, Departmental and Chapter Presidents to Commanders respectively, sponsored by the Department of Massachusetts. After a spirited debate, this was overwhelmingly adopted.

The third sought to make eligible for active

membership in the Association, men who had served in home service between the date the Division was organized as such and its departure for foreign service, provided their application for membership received favorable action by the National Executive Committee; sponsored by Worcester and Detroit Chapters. After a spirited debate, this proposed amendment was overwhelmingly defeated.

The exact wording of these three amendments have been printed in previous editions of YANKEE DOINGS, and will be incorporated in a new edition of the Constitution to be printed in the near future.

# PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' GOLD MEDALS AWARDED

Following the custom adopted in 1935, this year three more of the Association's Past National Presidents were presented with the official gold medal of a Past National President. It will take two more years to "catch up" — so that every man who has served in this high office will have one of these beautiful badges of honor.

The medal to Past National President Gen. JOHN H. SHERBURNE, was pinned upon his breast by former Sgt. BEN JAMES (101st F.A.), holder of the D.S.C. and Croix de Guerre, and himself a Past National President. Strangely enough, it was Gen. SHERBURNE who pinned BEN's medal on his coat three years ago. Their admiration for one another admitted of no other choice in each case; one as a real fighting hero in the ranks of the enlisted men; the other as the Commanding Officer of the regiment. This admiration was attested to in the brief and touching response given by General SHERBURNE after receiving the medal.

The medal to Past National President Col. WILLIAM J. KEVILLE was pinned on by JOE ABAIR of Montpelier, Vt., who stated that up in the Green Mountain State, they had only heard of two YD men; one was General EDWARDS — the other was Col. KEVILLE, whose command, the 101st Ammunition Train was composed largely of Vermont troops. In response, Col. KEVILLE paid a beautiful tribute to the enlisted men of the Division, in a way that only he can do.

The medal to Past National Commander RAY DOUCETTE was pinned upon his breast, in the closing moments of the Convention's last session, by P.N.P. LEN MALONEY, a leader whom RAY stated he has taken for his example in trying to give true leadership to the Association.

Past National President RALPH M. EASTMAN, who received his medal one year ago in Portland, but subsequently lost it from his coat; was the only man thus far to have a second presentation made. The medal was found in Portland, and during the entire year has been in the possession of Commander RAY DOUCETTE, who took the occasion to present it to RALPH again this year.

# THE MILITARY BALL

About 1000, including YD men, their wives, sweethearts and friends, attended the Military Ball at the Cranston Street Armory on Friday night, as gay and colorful a spectacle as any in the Convention program with the single exception perhaps of the Big Parade.

Unfortunately, your correspondent was still hors de combat from the afternoon dinner at the Pomham Club, and never did get there at all. So we'll have to depend on the ever-on-the-job Providence *Journal* for an account of what went on.

The grand march, at 10:30, was led by JERRY O'LEARY, General Chairman of the Convention Committee, members of his committee, National Commander and Mrs. RAY DOUCETTE; Lt. Gov. RAYMOND E. JORDAN and Mrs. Jordan and other invited guests.

Intermissions were featured by exhibition drills by the Salem Bagpipe Band and the YD Junior Drum Corps of Boston.

The *Journal's* description is mostly pictorial, and it is unfortunate that DOINGS is unable to reproduce many of the "shots" which adorn both the front page and some of the inside pages.

It is not to be felt from this rather brief description that the Ball was any less of a success than the other features of the program. In fact, upon the word of many who attended, it was a whale of a fine time; it is just that DOINGS has no means of reporting accurately the many interesting sidelights which go to make up the enjoyment of this particular feature.

# THEY ALSO SERVED

Hats off to the men (and yes, women, too) who were at the Convention, but never did get a chance to see much of it. We refer to the members of the Committee, clothed for identification in white berets rather than the official blue, who for four days were running hither and yon, straightening out tangles, seeing that everything was running smoothly, and answering a thousand-and-one questions, hurled at them from all sides.

And also to the Y.D.V.A. sales force: GUY WATTS, his son Gardner, MARTY TAYLOR and AL THOMSON; and to the Membership crew, who picked up 158 members: "CHICK" MEADE, ED MALONE, and "GOLDIE" GOLDMAN.

Also might be included the "campaign managers" for the rival candidates for National Commander; particularly LEN MALONEY and AL HERMAN, ED MILLER's able lieutenants, whose tough duty it was to awaken a couple of hundred large-headed, morning-after celebrators, and get them to the meeting hall at 9:30 Saturday morning.

Yes, and the men and women at the registration counter, whose conception of a Convention must be an endless file of men passing through a small room, asking perpetual questions.

And to Miss Ellen Knox and her charming handmaidens, and all the rest of the staff of all the hotels, who just had "to take it" night and day.

# AWARDS OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Approximately 65 men and women were awarded this year at Providence, the YD Veterans Association's Certificate of Meritorious Service for outstanding service rendered to the Association during the past year.

Merely to list their names would serve no useful purpose. To cite the deeds which each one has performed would require far more space than DOINGS can possibly give. These acts of friendship and loyalty ranged all the way from travelling the length of the state of Massachusetts on a mid-winter night to give blood to a stricken comrade, or founding and carrying on the noble aims of the Big Brother Club, reported at length in a previous issue; to securing 50 or 60 new members, or giving some particular chapter such able leadership that it has grown to new heights during the year, or engineering such a successful Convention as Providence.

The Certificate of Merit is the YD's accolade to its most loyal workers, either within or outside its own ranks. Each name is passed upon carefully by the National Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the several Chapters. No matter how many years a man or women continues to render outstanding service, the Certificate is never knowingly bestowed but one time.

Perhaps in some future issue, if readers demand it, these names can be printed. Surely they are deserving of it. But space this month is at such a premium, we forebear, and beg the forgiveness of the fine men and women who received this honor for not giving their names the publicity they rightfully deserve.

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### THE AIR SHOW

To tell the honest truth, we watched for the air show but never saw it at all; and the only reference made to it that we have been able to find in the able reporting in the Providence *Journal* by John P. Forbes, former staff reporter for the Stars and Stripes, reads in full; as a sort of appendix to the description of the Horribles Parade (which will be found elsewhere):

Very lights flared, casting a weird glow over the gay masqueraders, and as the parade neared the end of its route at the War Memorial, great fingers of light stabbed the May sky, to pick up the reeling planes of a make-believe air raid.

The air raid and defence tactics lasted half an hour, with three planes of the 118th Observation Squadron, Connecticut National Guard, taking the part of the Red Circus, and Battery I of the Anti-aircraft Division of the 243d Coast Artillery defending the division. By the time the show was over, most of the more than 2000 Yankee Division men had found safety in innumerable dugouts, where the beer never seemed to run out. They sang everything from "Mademoiselle from Armentiers" to "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight.?"

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In rendering the Annual Report on Membership at the Convention, the National Secretary quoted four sets of figures: (1) the chapter standings as of the opening of the Convention; (2) as of the corresponding date in 1937; (3) as of the opening of the Convention in June, 1937; and (4) the final standing of last year, on March 31.

Believing that to do the same here would result in considerable confusion and waste of valuable space; the following report is confined merely to the standing on June 1, 1938, and includes the 158 members who signed up AT the Convention and the 100 or so which have come in since that date.

Total membership on June 1, 1938 is approximately 100 ahead of June 1, 1937. It is, however, nearly 500 below the figures on July 1, 1937. Let us retain that little "edge."

**Chapter Standing — June 1, 1938**

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| Dep't. of Maine: | |
| Augusta | 2 |
| Farmington | 24 |
| Lewiston | 32 |
| Portland | 12 |
| Skowhegan | 6 |
| Waterville | 0 |
| At Large | 17 |
| Total | 93 |
| Dep't. of N. H.: | |
| Concord | 5 |
| Keene | 14 |
| Manchester | 70 |
| Nashua | 29 |
| Triangle Chapter | 18 |
| At Large | 12 |
| Total | 148 |
| Dep't. of Vermont: | |
| Bellows Falls | 2 |
| Brattleboro | 23 |
| Burlington | 3 |
| Montpelier-Barre | 28 |
| Rutland | 13 |
| Springfield | 1 |
| At Large | 10 |
| Total | 80 |
| Dep't. of Mass.: | |
| Attleboro | 5 |
| Beverly | 33 |
| Boston | 378 |
| Brockton | 12 |
| Clinton | 2 |
| Danvers | 17 |
| Fitchburg | 29 |
| Haverhill | 28 |
| Holyoke | 7 |
| Lowell | 35 |
| Lynn | 122 |
| Marlborough | 9 |
| Milford | 16 |
| New Bedford | 36 |
| Northampton | 6 |
| Salem | 21 |
| Springfield | 47 |
| Webster-Dudley | 8 |
| Worcester | 108 |
| At Large | 68 |
| Total | 987 |
| Dep't. of R. I.: | |
| Pawtucket | 52 |
| Providence | 136 |
| At Large | 0 |
| Total | 188 |
| Dep't. of Conn.: | |
| Bridgeport | 28 |
| Bristol | 29 |
| Hartford | 159 |
| Manchester | 53 |
| Meriden | 17 |
| Middletown | 16 |
| New Britain | 22 |
| New Haven | 142 |
| Norwalk | 31 |
| Stamford | 32 |
| Terryville | 20 |
| Torrington | 13 |
| Valley | 20 |
| Wallingford | 7 |
| Waterbury | 20 |
| Willimantic | 39 |
| Winsted | 0 |
| At Large | 8 |
| Total | 656 |
| Dep't. of U. S.: | |
| Chicago | 17 |
| Cleveland | 36 |
| Denver | 10 |
| Detroit | 18 |
| Los Angeles | 17 |
| New York | 159 |
| St. Louis | 18 |
| Washington | 20 |
| At Large | 85 |
| Total | 380 |
| Grand Total Exclusive of Life Members | 2532 |

## ALL STAR SHOW

The All Star Show at the Metropolitan Theatre in Providence, on Saturday evening, May 21 presented stars ranging from the fifth to the tenth magnitude.

The opening number was put on nearly an hour and a half before the hour scheduled in the printed souvenir program, with the result that thousands of men were still hooping it up at their regimental and company dinners, and just never did get there at all. But for that matter they probably wouldn't have broken away from the song and gabfests even if the show had been postponed till midnight or after.

All credit to JERRY O'LEARY. He worked for months to build up a program of entertainment — and the fact that Clark Gable and Joan Crawford were not among those present can't be held against his honest efforts and hard work.

And truth to tell, the many numbers were good, run-of-the-mill vaudeville, and the house was filled at all times, although as a guess, we should say that a majority were representatives of the public at large rather than YD men themselves.

An outstanding feature was the appearance of the winning band of the afternoon's parade, the band of D Company, 101st Engineers.

And the closing event, was a huge picture of General EDWARDS lowered from above the proscenium arch to the stage, brought a tug of emotion to the throats of many of his "lads" who stood at attention.

## OUTGOING NATIONAL COMMANDER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Five in number were the recommendations of retiring National Commander RAY DOUCETTE to his successors in office:

1. That due to a prodigious effort, the Association is now "out of the red." That it bend its every effort to remain so.
2. That Chapters run small affairs monthly or bi-monthly to pay the dues of members unable to pay their own, thus securing larger membership and the services of men who would otherwise be lost to them.
3. That renewed efforts be made to secure greatly increased advertising in YANKEE DOINGS — particularly among YD men who are themselves in business.
4. That one of the chief goals of the coming year be the erection of a memorial on the grave of General EDWARDS in Arlington National Cemetery.
5. The fifth proposal, aimed at bolstering the treasury in a very material way, is one concerning which members will hear more as the year progresses. DOINGS refrains from going into detail here.

In addition to these definite proposals, the retiring Commander reported 64 out-of-town visits to Chapter or Department meetings during his 11 months in office; and in an address frought with deep emotion, thanked every member of the organization for the support they have given him, their confidence in him, and their eager hospitality, and enthusiastic welcome, in the many cities and towns where he has visited.

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS' REPORTS

Because of lack of space, DOINGS begs the indulgence of its readers in omitting the reports rendered to the Convention by the Commanders of its seven Departments. Two; that of HOWARD HUNT of R. I.; and JOHN MORGAN of the Dep't. of the U. S., were submitted in writing. The others were tendered verbally. The Commander of every Department was present.

Each was thrilling with its account of progress made and results accomplished. Much of this has appeared in DOINGS from time to time during the past year. To review it here would partake of much repetition. Enough to say that the Association has been blessed during the past year with seven splendid leaders in each of its Departments; men who have worked hard and travelled far. In each case, their successor, with equal effort, may reap the reward of the groundwork they have laid.

## GOLD YD RINGS FOR 25 OR MORE NEW MEMBERS

Commander ED MILLER was presented a solid gold YD signet ring at the Convention for securing 25 new members for the Association during the period between Convention and Convention.

In the closing days of the period of grace, three other men came through with the necessary 25; but not early enough to receive the ring at the Convention. These were: JOHN MORAN, Commander of Apremont Chapter (Pawtucket, R. I.); JEFF BLANCHARD of Manchester, Conn.; and ROY COONS of Springfield, Mass.

In addition, during the year, rings have been presented to: JOE GREENBERG of New York Chapter — champ of champs — with approximately 60 to his credit; WHIT WASHBURN, Secretary of New York Chapter; GENE DUGAS, President of Manchester, N. H. Chapter. Seems as if there was one more, but by golly, your reporter has forgotten.

The same policy will be pursued this year. A gold YD ring will be given to any man signing up 25 new members between the Providence Convention and the Hartford Convention next year. A new member is one who has not been a member the preceding year — although he may have been at some time in the past. Please use the honor system, fellows, and don't claim credit for a member unless you yourself was the one who actually signed him up. And please don't "throw" credits to someone out in the lead. It isn't fair, and that isn't the intent of the proposal. Furthermore, carried to extremes, it would mean that the Association would have to give a ring for EVERY 25 new members, if sufficient finnagling were indulged in. And we can't afford that.

## WHAT THE CONVENTION MEANT TO ONE MAN

*Editor of Yankee Doings:*

My first attendance of a YD Convention as a representative of the Detroit Chapter was one of the finest things that ever happened to me. Conventions may be the time for men to let loose and go into the happy and carefree cycle of fun and I had mine, but by my count, I had the sincere pleasure of meeting approximately forty buddies for the first time since leaving the army so that it wasn't only fun that warmed the cockles of my heart.

As I think of the passage of the twenty years

from the date of discharge to the day at Providence and greeting old familiar faces, I can only say that the trip was well worth it. But this isn't all that made the trip worthwhile, there was the warmth and heartiness of the handshake given me by the National Officers, the wonderful reception accorded me by the convention body in assemblage, and — OH! What's the use.

I cannot begin to express the many incidents and events that made every minute of my stay so enjoyable that I hated to think of the hour arriving when I had to start back to Detroit. Before going on to anything else I want to express my thanks and that of Mrs. Swartz to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tonge, of Providence, for the most excellent dinner and entertainment, and the reason why the YD is the finest outfit of them all—true comradeship. Also do we wish to thank "Goldie" and Guy Watts for all they did to assist us in getting the most out of everything.

— Dave Swartz.

Detroit, Memorial Day.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Cole, reporting as Chairman of the Committee for the Erection of a Monument on the grave of General Edwards, stated that the way would soon be clear for the Y.D.V.A. to raise a fund and erect such a monument itself; that he personally had conferred upon two occasions with Secretary of War Harry Woodring, and that a letter had been sent by the President of the Y.D.V.A., requesting permission to erect a monument, enclosing permission of the American War Mothers to allow the footstone which they had placed upon the grave to be removed and made a part of the larger memorial. No definite answer has yet been received from the War Department, other than that the matter is under advisement.

General Sherburne, reporting for the YD Overseas Memorial Committee, stated that two more things must be done in connection with the YD Memorial Church at Belleau, France. First a small maintenance fund must be raised to insure the property always being kept in first class condition; and second that a personal memorial, in the nature probably of a tablet, must be placed in the church, in memory of General Edwards.

Anthony J. Rock filed a written report of progress on the formation of units of the Sons of the Y.D.V.A. and Daughters of the Y.D.V.A., stating that Unit No. 1 had been chartered in New Bedford; and urging more chapters to sponsor junior units during the coming year.

## TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL OFFICERS

A pleasant interlude away from the roar and hum of activities in the city was provided for a favored few at the Pomham Club, about six or eight miles outside of Providence on Friday afternoon.

Approximately fifty enjoyed one of the finest shore dinners ever served, in a beautiful clubhouse on the shores of Narragansett Bay.

With apologies for injecting a personal note, your erstwhile reporter was not — at that particular function — in the best form for reporting in detail. His duties as Secretary had been recessed at noon, and would not be taken up again until the next morning. So, seizing opportunity where he found it, he had proceeded at lunch to enjoy the Convention in traditional YD style. An individual glass of 40 horse-power punch with each old pal who drifted in put the finishing touch on seven "shots" of rum imbibed with luncheon an hour or two earlier.

But we DO remember that Ed Mara was master of ceremonies; and that the Governor was there and a flock of generals, and that our own old C.O. for the past year, Ray Doucette, frowned and sadly shook his head at his Secretary; and that the chap who drove us back to Providence remarked that Ed Mara had introduced everybody except himself and one of the waitresses. (He told us his name — but gosh, we weren't remembering names.)

And we think we made a speech (though we hope to Gawd we didn't!)

However, it was a grand time, and showed thoughtfulness to the n'th degree on the part of the Convention Committee.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion dinners of regiments, battalions or companies or batteries were thicker than cooties all over Providence on Saturday evening. Several of these are reported in this issue, under outfit news. Of those which are not, we can only say that they probably were much like the others.

In many ways the pleasantest hours of any Convention are when we get together with the fellows who were actually at our side in the days over there — fellows we knew by their nicknames 20 years ago.

Oh for an unexpurgated, privately printed volume of the songs that are sung on such occasions as these! The hair of mouldering saints in their graves might curl as one Rabelaisian verse follows another.

## THE WORK OF THE NAT. HISTORIAN

For many years the National Historian of the Y.D.V.A. was a sort of sinecure and not a scrap of historical material was collected or assembled.

Under the most recent two holders of the office, RAY KINCAID of New Britain, Conn., and LEROY CODDING of Keene, N. H., this situation has changed. CODDING has started a series of splendidly arranged scrap books in which are as many newspaper clippings from all over the lot as he has been able to get into his hands, covering YD activities of all sorts — particularly the Worcester and Providence Convention publicity and pictures. He has done a grand job and given his successor at least something to add to.

The new National Historian is LAURENCE H. COOK, 62 Malden St., Cranston, R. I. Will readers of DOINGS make a real effort to remember to send him any newspaper or a clipping from it, that has to do with the activities of the Y.D.V.A. or any one of its chapters.

## ATTENDING CONVENTION FROM DISTANT POINTS

Providence came near setting some sort of record for attracting YD men from distant points — not in their numbers — but in the wideness of area from which they came. Some attended the business sessions and were greeted with applause when called upon to speak. Others just never did get there for official recognition, but were around town just the same.

To name a few: Probably the long distance champion was JOE COLLINS of Seattle, Washington; brother of JOHN COLLINS, Commander of YD Post 290, American Legion of Boston. Then there was "POP" LONERGAN of Tampa, Fla., whose name was called in vain from the chair; but who, according to letters since received was having a convention all of his own, with his pals of the 103rd M.G. Bn., which extended pretty much all over the state of Rhode Island.

GEORGE ROBBINS of Kansas City represented the Missouri Chapter; DAVE SWARTZ of Detroit, the Detroit Chapter; FRED FLAHAVAN of Cleveland the Ohio Chapter; and RAY QUEENIN the Washington, D. C. Chapter. Each reported for his own group in fine style. FRED FLAHAVAN'S report of progress in Ohio caused so much applause that he was called upon the second session to repeat.

Members from New York City were numerous; but after all, that wasn't as far away as some of the chapters in New England. JOE ABAIR and ABE SMITH represented Montpelier-Barre, Vermont; Dep't. Pres. FRED SHAW was down from Lewiston, Maine; ART SMITH from Springfield, Vt.

It was a truly "National" Convention; and we hope next year sees many more from the outposts.

## SOUVENIR PROGRAMS AND CONVENTION BADGES

In both the souvenir program booklets and the convention badges issued this year with the registration envelope, the YD hit a new high.

The badge, a modern, stream-lined affair of dull chrome, showing a soldier and a sailor flanking a replica of Providence's War Monument, with a profile of the city's sky-line behind, was a real work of art, and a worthwhile memento of the grand four-day celebration.

The big souvenir booklet, with a four-color printed cover design and packed from cover to cover with pictures and articles concerning the Division — past and present — the state of Rhode Island and the city of Providence, was alone worth the $2.50 charged for the complete registration.

For those who did not attend the convention, these two items may still be had. The price for the two combined — booklet and badge — is 50c, plus 10c for postage. Orders should be sent to National Hq., at 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, not to Providence.

## A LYRIC OF EXULTATION

What a time, what a success, what a wreck I am, and many others too, and what an outfit the YDVA has turned out to be.

Suffice to say that *for once* if never before since Old Roger Williams founded the burg, the citizens of Providence and for that matter all of R. I. have been awaken to realize that despite the passing of the years, the YD spirit still lives on and on, if they, perchance, have forgotten it!

Newport, R. I., May 23. — KEN DENNIS.

## WREATH LAID AT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT

On Thursday afternoon, Commander DOUCETTE, assisted by other National officers and Past officers of the Association, Governor Quinn, Gen. HAROLD R. BARKER, Gen. CHARLES H. COLE, Col. KEVILLE and others, laid a wreath at the base of Providence's beautiful shaft to her World War dead.

## THE NEXT NUMBER

Following the usual custom, the July and August issues of YANKEE DOINGS will be combined, but because of postal regulations will be issued as the August number.

Copy must be received before July 15, and publication date will be approximately August 1.

## YD GRAVE MARKERS

YD grave markers may be purchased from Otto Harbert, Terryville, Conn., for $1.50 each. If the design is officially adopted by the Y.D.V.A., each chapter will be given the opportunity to lay in a supply at slightly reduced rates for sale in their own communities.

## REHABILITATION

For six or eight months, since the resignation of last year's National Service Officer, the Association has been sadly handicapped in giving proper attention to the just and rightful claims upon its attention in rendering assistance to disabled and unemployed members.

The office of the Secretary has tried — without notable success — to handle a little of this work. But the Secretary lacks many qualifications as a Service Officer (he can say this himself without giving offense); and even more important, lacks anything like the amount of time to devote to service work; the strictly secretarial work alone is a job in itself.

It is with a good deal of pleasure therefore that DOINGS is able to announce that the new National Service Officer elected at Providence is a man, not only splendidly equipped with the necessary knowledge and information, but also so situated as to have plenty of time to give to help the members with their problems.

Frank W. Coppinger, National Service Officer, served in E Co., 101st Engineers. He is a contact representative at the Boston Regional Office of the U. S. Veterans Administration. As such it is his duty and his profession to aid any and all veterans in securing proper evidence to build up any claim they may have for compensation. But as Service Officer for our Association, it becomes doubly incumbent upon him to heed the call of any member of the Y.D.V.A. for assistance and information. The point is: he knows the job — he knows evidence, he knows rating boards. If a case is weak, he will tell the claimant so, and tell him what additional evidence is necessary.

By nature as kindly and sympathetic man as can be imagined, it is his great pleasure in life to help the unfortunate. But of course, he cannot do the impossible; he cannot exercise "pull" or favoritism. He can merely help and advise. During the coming year, the Executive Committee plans to call upon him to lay out the skeleton of a comprehensive service organization throughout the Departments and Chapters.

Any member who has questions to ask concerning a claim, a desired physical examination, needed hospitalization; please write direct to: Frank W. Coppinger, National Service Officer, Y.D.V.A., U. S. Veterans Administration, Federal Bldg., Boston, Mass.

## FINANCIAL

It is too early, of course, to give a financial statement of the Providence Convention Corporation, but YANKEE DOINGS has it upon very reliable authority that the committee wound up in the black, with sufficient surplus to pay its guarantee to the national treasury of the Y.D.V.A.

When it is considered that the committee "set up shop" last summer with 15 cents in the treasury, and met with one crushing blow after another, this accomplishment is little short of miraculous, and speaks more than volumes of words for the efficient managing, able administration and unselfish sacrifice of as able a body of men as ever sat together on any committee, anywhere, any time.

## FORMER NATIONAL OFFICER SEVERELY INJURED

Ernest C. Parent, former National Service Officer, and present Chaplain of the Department of Massachusetts suffered a broken jaw and a month's stay in the hospital as the result of an automobile collision in Milford, Mass. on April 12. At present writing he is at home, but far from a return to good health.

## AU REVOIR UNTIL HARTFORD IN 1939

YANKEE DOINGS has tried to give you a picture of the Nineteenth Annual Convention in Providence. No one knows better than the writer how inadequate has been the effort. We can't afford pages and pages of pictures, and they often tell the story so much better than words.

Naturally, with so much space given over to the Convention, the local YD events of lesser importance will have to be somewhat crowded up this month. For this necessity, DOINGS begs the forgiveness of its readers.

# NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

"Pop" Lonergan (103rd M.G. Bn.) of Tampa, Fla. made the trip north to attend the YD Convention, and although this reporter didn't catch even a glimpse of him; from a letter received he had about as grand a time with his old comrades as a man could have — and live. Incidentally, at present writing, Pop is in the Newington Hospital; no — not as a result of the Convention; just for treatment for arthritis from which he has suffered for some time (he isn't as young as he used to be). He reports that he is receiving most wonderful attention from Major Bannigan and the staff at the hospital.

The Armistice (1937) Number of "The Liaison", published by Taunton Post, The American Legion, contains as its monthly "word photo" in "the family album" a hilariously written description of Manton W. Chambers, at that time Historian of the Post, and editor of the magazine — which incidentally is a swell job — breezy, snappy, newsy.

If any reader knows the present whereabouts of Bill Fowler, formerly of the 101st Supply Co., please send the information to George A. Livesy, 268 Broad St., Providence. George doesn't say whether he means Supply Co., 101st Inf.; Supply Co., 101st F.A.; or 101st Supply Train.

Members of the 101st Field Signal Battalion: Send a word of cheer to R. Allen Strayer, 1038 Beaver Ave., Midland, Penna. He is confined to his home with heart trouble, having recently been discharged from Johns Hopkins hospital; and has not been able to work for the past five months at his position as superintendent of the shipping department of Pittsburgh Crucible Steel.

The Y.D.V.A.'s old Chaplain and Americanism Director, Royal K. Hayes, despite his vow to retire from public speaking, still occasionally vomits forth sparks and brimstone in the good old-fashioned way; to wit, his address on April 27 to Old Middlesex Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution at the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro. "Let us keep alive the spirit of our forefathers by fighting against anything that smacks of the restraint of liberty or freedom."

Brig. General Duncan K. Major, Jr. has been transferred from command of the 21st Brigade, U.S.A. at Schofield Barracks, T.H., to command of the 1st Brigade at Fort Wadsworth. New York Chapter is wondering what to do — what to do — if he seeks membership therein. Well, there's nothing in the Constitution that says, "any man who saw overseas service in the 26th Division except Duncan K. Major." Just a suggestion — ask him in — and let him have a good old-fashioned YD "riding" for a while. He'll have to take it. We aren't in the army any more.

### A FEW SIDELIGHTS ON THE PARADE

There was a lone sailor who passed the reviewing stand three times in 30 minutes, once on the run. At no time did he seem certain of where he was going, unless he was looking for his ship.

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Another lone marcher was a corpulent YD man whose shirt was out. He gave the distinct impression that he was leading a band, although there wasn't a band within a block of him.

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The third rugged individualist who stood out was a gentleman riding a floor mop who seemed to feel better after he gave the reviewing stand the "bird."

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There were some real beauties among the feminine drum leaders. The willowy blonde in cream and yellow uniform heading the Riverside Sons of American Legion Auxiliary drum and bugle corps was one. The brunette leading the girls' and boys' drum and bugle corps of the Junior YD Corps from Boston was another, in her crimson and white rig. The "darling" of the feminine majors was the little tot in white silk blouse and skirt heading the Shrewsbury, Mass., American Legion Post brass band.

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The Lynn, Mass., YD drill team was small but made it up in class. Sixteen in number, they formed themselves into a perfect cart-wheel every so often in one of the most stylish manoeuvres of the parade.

**SAVE YOUR PENNIES**

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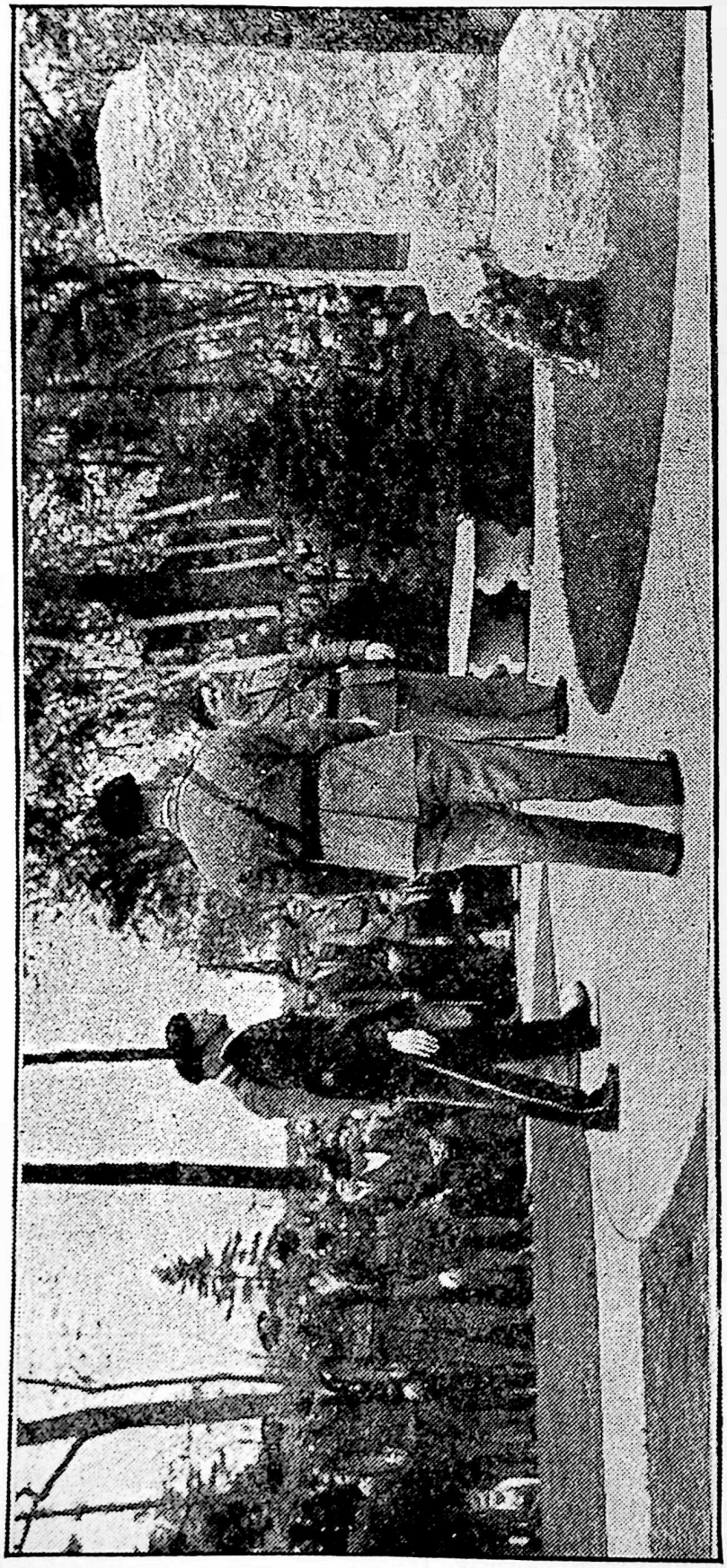

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**UNVEILING OF MONUMENT**
**IN HONOR OF GEN. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS**
**SPRINGFIELD, MASS. — MAY 8, 1938**

# GENERAL EDWARDS BRIDGE AND TRIANGLE DEDICATED AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS. SUNDAY, MAY 8

An event in YD history which would undoubtedly rank lead position in this issue of DOINGS, were it not eclipsed by the Annual Convention in Providence, took place in Springfield, Mass. on Sunday afternoon, May 8, when Springfield Chapter, assisted by officials of the city of Springfield, National officers of the Y.D. V.A., and representatives of many other veteran and civic organizations, dedicated the new bridge across Watershops Pond, connecting two parts of the city's encircling new Roosevelt Highway, in the name of Major General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS, and unveiled, in a beautifully landscaped little triangular park at one end of the bridge, a bronze tablet, mounted upon a granite boulder, naming General Edwards Triangle.

Before passing on to a description of the ceremonies, let's pay tribute where tribute is due. And to TOM CROKAN of Springfield, who plugged his heart out on this project, DOINGS' hat is off. Also to ED MALEY, DENNIE BRUNTON, ANDY BIRNIE, JIM ARMESON, HENRY ROUX, ROS PATCH, and the others who put over one of the most beautifully conducted ceremonies of dedication we have ever witnessed.

The highlight of the festivities was the parade which formed at Blunt Park and wound its way through the crosstown boulevard to end at attention around the triangle on which stands the monument to the "daddy" of the Yankee Division. The exercises were held under a cloudy sky but there was no rain to mar the celebration. WSPR broadcast the entire ceremony.

Principal speaker at the dedication was Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR, World War chaplain, who delivered a eulogy of Gen. EDWARDS and a history of his military career which saw him finally honored for military prowess in numerous public monuments throughout the East.

Mayor Roger L. Putnam was one of the speakers and he briefly expressed his reverence for Gen. EDWARDS and his gratification that the bridge has been named in memory of so great a man.

The program was opened by Chairman THOMAS CROKAN who introduced the master of ceremonies, DENNIS J. BRUNTON. The posting of the American flag then followed. The invocation was given by Rev. Harry L. Oldfield of West Springfield. Thirty seconds of silence was then asked by Mr. BRUNTON and the crowd was hushed in silent tribute to the memory of Gen. EDWARDS.

Mayor Putnam spoke and his talk was followed by a selection by the 104th Infantry band. Introduction of State Presidents of the YD came next. They were CLYDE O. ELLIOTT of Worcester, President of the Massachusetts YD veterans; HOWARD HUNT of Rhode Island, President of the Rhode Island YD veterans, and LEN MALONEY of New Haven, Past National President of the Y.D.V.A.

National President RAYMOND DOUCETTE was the next speaker and another selection was given by the American Legion drum corps. Lieut. Col. John J. Higgins of Gov. Charles F. Hurley's staff said a few words, excusing the governor for not being present, but expressing the chief executive's good wishes.

The monument was unveiled by Nat. Pres. DOUCETTE and Nat. Secretary SANBORN, and a wreath placed on it. A National Guard squad fired a salute and members of the American Legion band sounded taps. The national anthem closed the exercises.

An informal dinner was tendered to the visiting YD officers, city officials and members of the Bridge Committee at the Hotel Charles following the ceremony.

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# DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

YANKEE DOINGS is the magazine of the whole Y.D.V.A. As such it gives priority to news of truly national importance to the organization. This month the reports of the many phases of the Nineteenth Annual Convention take up a good amount of space. But local news from the various chapters is likewise important — especially to the members of the particular chapter. So every effort will be made to leave out nothing of importance among the mass of copy which has reached the editorial desk. On the other hand, much of it must be condensed and curtailed.

## DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Boy, what a convention! ! ! To all YD Maniacs that didn't go, I want to tell you, you missed something. The crowded business meetings and the orderliness at same, the uniforms of the different chapters and the sincerity of the speakers clearly showed that the Y.D.V.A. is a vital factor in our lives, and is growing stronger as we grow older. It seems too bad that there were not more there from our State, and interest seemed lacking on our part by such a small representation, but I'm sure that those who did attend were well repaid. The fellows from other States all had friends or buddies from Maine, and countless numbers asked me why they were not there. Why not start saving for Hartford next year? Take your wife and family and have a good time. By a little effort I think it could be done.

I'll take off my hat to the Convention Committee. They did a swell job. Everything clicked. The parade was gorgeous and the people of Providence sure fell into the spirit.

I was tickled to see those "Medical Twins" of the 103rd, O'Connor and Robertson, but where were they at the banquet? Also all the other fellows and their charming wives that I met. I also wish to state that I was introduced to Mr. Costello and Mr. Murphy from somewhere in Connecticut.

From remarks by Len Maloney regarding Memorials for General Edwards, I have started inquiries for something of the sort in this vicinity and if it develops I hope to have a fitting one and of course everyone will be informed as to what and where.

We now have a new Commander for Maine, Ray Torrey of Bangor, and I hope everyone will stand behind him with their aid down Bangor way, and at the end of his term there will be new chapters in that part of the State. I hope also that the chapters already formed will go stronger than ever, and make the people of Maine recognize the fact that the old YD is still in existence, and plays a leading part in the different communities.

Let's all get together and sign up new members and come back with a whack at Hartford next year.

— J. F. Shaw,
Past Comm., Dep't. of Maine.

## DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

A monthly meeting of the Department of New Hampshire was held in G.A.R. Memorial Hall, Keene, on Sunday, April 24, presided over by Department President Earle Williams of Nashua. Past President George Taaffe of Keene Chapter opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors from other parts of the state before turning over the gavel to Williams

Letters promising support of the Department's resolution for a Veterans Hospital in New Hampshire were read from New Hampshire senators and representatives in Congress.

Among the out-of-town visitors present were: Clyde O. Elliott, President of the Department of Massachusetts, from Worcester; members from Manchester, Nashua and Triangle Chapters, including candidate for Department President Gene Dugas of Manchester.

Refreshments were served by the following committee: George Taaffe, Nils O. Olsson, Charles Fisher, Michael D. Zaluski, Alex Puras, Dr. J. H. Grimes, and Harry Worcester.

### MANCHESTER

With 70 paid-up members, Manchester is far out in front of any previous standing in its history as a Chapter.

A regular meeting was held at Odd Fellows' Hall on May 11, EUGENE DUGAS presiding, with an attendance of 43 paid-up members — our record to date. State President EARLE WILLIAMS gave us a pre-convention pep talk, which was followed by motion pictures shown by ELIOT CARTER of Nashua.

It was voted to invite the next Department meeting to Manchester. More on this later. A fine luncheon was served after adjournment of the meeting.

— W. J. B.

## DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Several Vermont Chapters were represented in Providence. State President ART SMITH of Springfield Chapter was on hand and rendered his annual report. JOE ABAIR and ABE SMITH showed up with the official Vermont Y.D.V.A. uniform, the usual horizon blue, but with hunter's green piping and berets of the same color — snappy is the word. ART FOOTE, with a delegation from Rutland, was on hand. We didn't get a chance to see him to talk to, but the Rutland flag waved proudly down the line of march of the parade.

### BELLOWS FALLS

An undated clipping from a Bellows Falls paper tells of the election of JOHN LINDSTROM to the presidency of that Chapter. Other officers elected were: Vice President, N. ROGER HAMMOND; Secretary - Treasurer, JOHN H. STRONG; Sgt.-at-Arms, AMEDEE A. FONTAINE; Chaplain, CHARLES WILSON; Publicity officer, EDWARD J. CRAY.

It was voted to hold installation at the next meeting, but in the meantime to secure the renewal of all memberships.

The Chapter had a booth in the Sportsmen's Show on April 23 and did a rushing business in soft drinks and ice cream. Miss Mary Lindstrom, Miss Virginia Fontaine, Mrs. Margaret Lindstrom, Mrs. Helen Cyr, Mrs. Ann Prescott, and Mrs. Ann Gorman were in charge of the booth.

— E. J. C.

### MONTPELIER-BARRE
### "Washington County Chapter"

President JOE ABAIR, V.P. ABE SMITH, and all the other loyal spark plugs of Washington County Chapter made plans to show the natives how the YD looks on Parade on Memorial Day. And doubtless they did it too; although no account has yet reached DOINGS.

Ladies' Night was held at the Pavillion Hotel, Montpelier, on May 12; but here again, we are short on details.

However, one thing we DO know; and that is that this Chapter is as live a one as there is in the circuit — has something doing — like the Old Howard — all the time, is the largest in Vermont, and is only just getting under way toward bigger and better things.

## DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

### STATE MEETING — NEW BEDFORD
### MAY 1

Representatives of the following chapters attended the May State Meeting in New Bedford: Boston, New Bedford, Worcester, Springfield, Lynn, Salem, Danvers, Beverly. Department President CLYDE O. ELLIOTT presided, and guests included JERRY O'LEARY, Chm. of the Providence Convention Comm., Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE, and Major JOHN BAIRD, Chm. of the Providence Parade Committee.

Discussions were held and decisions reached on the state's stand on the amendments to the National Constitution to be taken up at Providence; but these matters have since been decided by the national body, this news is of no particular value at this date.

President DRESNER of New Bedford, outlined plans for the formation of Chapters elsewhere in southeastern Massachusetts. Refreshments were served.

### STATE MEETING — SPRINGFIELD
### JUNE 5

The regular monthly meeting of the Department of Massachusetts was held on Sunday afternoon, June 5, in the Mahogany Room of the Municipal Memorial Building in Springfield.

The meeting was opened at 3:00 P. M. by former Department Commander CLYDE ELLIOTT

in form, with the advancing of the colors by a uniformed color detail of members of Springfield Chapter. Not a great many were present, presumably due to "Convention fatigue" plus the coming of outdoor weather — representation being on hand only from Springfield, Boston, New Bedford, Lynn, Worcester, Marlboro and Danvers.

Without attempting an official recording of all proceedings, the more important events included the following:

The new Departmental Officers were installed by National Commander Ed Miller, assisted by the National Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry T. Robertson (103rd Inf.) of Hartford, Conn. These officers are: Commander, Edwin J. Noyes (Worcester); Vice Commander, Harry Sherman (Marlboro); Treasurer, Austin F. Appleby (Boston); Secretary, H. Guy Watts (Boston); Chaplain, Ernest C. Parent (Worcester); Service Officer, John B. Dwyer (Haverhill); Sgt.-at-Arms, Charles Leger (Salem); Historian, George B. Merrill (Lynn). Only the first four were present. A resignation from the office of Chaplain was read from Ernie Parent, because of ill health, and was accepted with regret. Election to fill the vacancy will be held at the next meeting, as it could not be held earlier under the Department Constitution.

Certificates of Merit, awarded at the Providence Convention, were presented to Ben Johnson, Andy Birnie, Ed Maley, Henry Roux, and Roswell Patch of Springfield Chapter.

National Commander Ed Miller presented the gold medal of Past Department Commander to Clyde Elliott.

In the addresses made by Miller, Noyes and Elliott, the hatchet was buried so far as the recent competition for National Commander was concerned, and both of the latter two agreed most heartily to give the new Commander their undivided support during his term of office.

Clyde Elliott was appointed membership chairman for the Department by Commander Noyes, and George L. Newman talked himself into a job of publicity chairman.

Ed Miller stated that he would stand ready for the call from any Chapter, anywhere at any time that he could be of assistance — that he had set as his chief goal of this year an increase over last year's membership.

Harry Sherman, Bill Dresner (New Bedford) and many others spoke on the topic of membership.

A valuable suggestion by John Sullivan (Lynn) will be put into effect by the State Commander, namely the calling of a meeting of all Chapter Presidents in the state, and placing the burden squarely upon them to see that their chapters are represented at the state meetings, also to discuss with them methods of strengthening the various chapters.

Councilman Greenway of Springfield gave an entertaining talk, told how cordially he felt toward the boys since his close contact with them in the work leading up to the dedication of the General Edwards Bridge.

Treasurer Appleby reported on the distribution of the booklets for the drawing of a basket of liquor at the September meeting; that all but about four chapters had taken their quota of booklets, that Worcester had sold all theirs and asked for more; that Springfield was the first to pay him in full for booklets taken. This money will be used for welfare purposes in the state. Every Chapter is urged to donate its bottle of *good* liquor pronto.

It was voted to dispense with the July and August State meetings, and the next meeting will be in the YD Clubhouse in Boston on Sunday, September 11. (Note that this is the *second* Sunday, rather than the first.)

A luncheon was served by the ladies, following the meeting.

## BOSTON

The outstanding event of May, and one of the outstanding of the year, was the Annual Memorial Exercises held at the Clubhouse on Thursday evening, May 26.

In a hall beautifully decorated with flowers from member Walter Coplen, and every seat taken by members, their wives, children and friends, the services were opened at 8:35 by Vice President Ben James, in the absence of President Ted Wilson, ill at home with grippe. Past President Harold J. Smith was introduced as chairman of the committee in charge and presiding officer of the services, after the National and Club colors had been advanced by a uniformed color guard of members of the Legion Post Drum Corps.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Father William J. Cary of St. Cecilia's Church.

Following a beautiful rendering of "Christ in Flanders" by Treasurer Albert M. Pacifici, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Elvira Pacifici; came the most solemn and impressive feature of the ceremony, as everyone stood, while Past President Joe Galligan, originator of this annual observance, read the long, long roll of

names of YD comrades whose death has come to the knowledge of the Club during the past year. As each name was read, came the roll of muffled drums from an adjacent room, and for each name a red poppy was entwined in a huge wreath hung from the rostrum. The poppies were placed by Mrs. Catherine Curtin, President of the Auxiliary of the YD Club of Boston, and Mrs. John A. LaCasse, President of the Auxiliary of YD Post 290, The American Legion. The next day this wreath was shipped to the YD Club of Washington, to be placed on Memorial Day on the grave of General Edwards.

Speakers who addressed the meeting were Gen. Charles H. Cole, "Keep the Torch High"; Col. William J. Keville, "A Memorial to the Men of the YD"; General Daniel Needham, "A Message from the New Yankee Division"; Commander John F. Collins of YD Post 290, "Message from the American Legion"; Master Joseph H. Mulherin, "A Message from the Children of the Division". Each address was filled with the solemn spirit of the Memorial Day season and pride in the Yankee Division and its tender memories for its dead.

Mr. Pacifici rendered "In Flanders Fields," and the closing benediction was offered by Rev. Royal K. Hayes. Taps were sounded by the bugle section of the Sons of the Legion Bugle Corps and the YD Junior Corps; and the gathering joined in the singing of the National Anthem. Orchestral music was furnished by . .

The colors were retired, closing the meeting.

Upon the stage, under a spotlight and backed with greenery, stood the stirring model of the equestrian statue of General Edwards by Cyrus Dallin, which was pictured on the front cover of a recent issue of YANKEE DOINGS. Mr. Dallin has permanently loaned this model to the Club.

The May smoker was held on May 18, with Prof. Bertram Adams, Past National President of the Society of American Magicians as guest artist. A student under Houdini and Thurston, Mr. Adams vindicated the advance notices which read, "his program is baffling, uncanny, different; passes definitely into the realm of the impossible." He kept the packed hall goggle-eyed, gape-mouthed, amazed and astounded for nearly two hours; breaking borrowed watches to bits, and then discovering them whole and running in triply padlocked boxes at the other side of the stage; letting two members each insert fifteen playing cards into an envelope and seal it themselves, and hold tight onto it; then asking them to open the envelopes whereupon one had 12 and the other 18, and a score or more equally baffling stunts.

The YD Club of Boston was represented at Providence with probably the largest delegation of all, marching behind President Ted Wilson, and making a splendid showing which elicited applause along the line of march.

The Clubhouse is now open on Sundays between the hours of 2 P.M. to 11 P.M.

## YD POST 290, A. L.

Royal K. Hayes addressed the Post at the meeting on May 9, his subject dealing with the conflict between the American Legion and the German Bund. He was followed by Frank Sullivan, official police photographer for the city of Boston, who delivered an illustrated lecture, "Crime Does Not Pay," seldom given outside of police circles and students of criminology. Over 150 members and guests attended, including several members of the faculty of Boston University.

Both the senior Drum Corps, and the corps of Sons of the Legion paraded at the YD Convention in Providence, giving a good account of themselves.

On Memorial Day, the Bugle Corps, Sons of the Legion, and members of the Post marched with the Oliver Ames, Metropolitan, Joyce Kilmer and Bessie Edwards Posts to pay tribute to departed World War veterans who are buried in Mount Benedict Cemetery. Following the exercises, many returned to the YD Clubhouse to enjoy a collation prepared by the Post Auxiliary. In the afternoon, the Drum Corps marched in Newton and were complimented upon their appearance by Mayor Childs.

— M. J. M.

## BEVERLY

On April 28, Nat. President Ray Doucette and suite installed the officers of new Beverly Chapter, as follows: President, Frank L. Smith (101st F.A.); 1st V.P., Joseph Metcalfe (104th Inf.); 2nd V.P., Frederick Hammond (103rd F.A.); Chaplain, Harold Heald (101st Engrs.); Secretary, Robert J. Standley (101st F.A.); Treasurer, Carleton Horsley (102nd Inf.); Sgt.-at-Arms, Roland Standley (102nd Inf.).

Visiting members were present from Lynn, Salem and Danvers Chapters.

Speakers, in addition to the National President, included representatives of the U. S. government, the State, the city and other military organizations; and Beverly's wartime Mayor,

Jim MacPherson was presented an honorary membership in the chapter.

Abe Katz (101st F.A.) was master of ceremonies of a program of entertainment; refreshments were served by a committee under direction of Carleton Hosley and Earl Grant. Thirty paid-up members at time of installation.

— G. A. B.

## DANVERS

The following officers were installed by Department President Clyde Elliott on May 4: President, Harold B. Williams; 1st V.P., Gilbert Cass; 2nd V.P., Edward Bates; Chaplain, Harry Bishop; Secretary, Charles Davis; Treasurer, Ernest Fossa; Sgt.-at-Arms, James Powers; Board of Directors, Carl Eaton.

Following the installation, movies on hunting and fishing were shown by Norman Crane of Peabody. — C. W. D.

## BROCKTON

The new Secretary of Brockton Chapter, Henry W. Eldridge, writes that the chapter is still holding meetings, but things are a little quiet.

## FITCHBURG

Elected on May 4, and installed on May 11, were the following new officers of Fitchburg Chapter: President, Arthur P. Shea; Sr. V.P., Thomas W. Courcelle; Jr. V.P., Alfred Magee; Secretary, Jeremiah B. Sullivan; Treasurer, Samuel T. Farrell; Chaplain, Russell Johnson; Sgt.-at-Arms, Thomas Kennedy; Historian, John McGuirl.

Quite a number of the boys attended the Providence Convention.

Dick Lyons (Med. Det., 101st Engrs.) recently became a proud father; wonder when he will join the ranks of the YD Chapter?

Two pair of boxing gloves will be donated to "Gete" Shea and Dan Moran if they don't stop arguing.

Our chapter boasts as two of its members, the Mayor and the President of the City Council, and we hope to have another soon promoted to water registrar. — J. V. S.

## HOLYOKE

Well, well, it's a long time since we've heard from you, boys. Seems Holyoke has had an election, and the three chief officers now are: President, Lawrence A. Wagner; Treasurer, Bert C. J. Warner; and Secretary, Francis C. Heywood. The latter two are hold-overs. Larry Wagner should make a bang-up President if he puts in half the effort he does as permanent Adjutant of the 104th Infantry Veterans Association. Let's hear lots of progress from Holyoke — what with their beautiful quarters in the memorial building and all.

## LOWELL

President Wesley B. Wiggin spent some time during May in the Chelsea Naval Hospital recovering from an appendectomy. John J. Mann, another member, was also at the Naval Hospital for the removal of a piece of shrapnel, from his head, from which operation we understand he made a good recovery.

The Club ran a smoker early in May and made a little money for the treasury; and a scheme has been started which should net the Club about $25.00 a month; but every member will have to get behind it and do some work.

Lowell needs the well-known injection of hot apple-sauce, as about two men are doing most of the work. Get behind them, fellows, and show them some encouragement.

## MILFORD

On May 7, Nat. President Ray Doucette installed the following officers of Milford Chapter at a meeting held at Secundo's Cottage on the shore of beautiful North Pond: President, Charles A. Goucher; Treasurer, Guy D'Amelio; Secretary, Ernest E. O'Brien.

Other out-of-town guests present were: State President Clyde O. Elliott; Frank Coppinger, a former Milford boy, and since elected National Service Officer; "Olie" Olsson and "Doc" Grimes of Keene, N. H.; the first time we have seen the latter two buddies since discharge.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. — E. E. O'B.

## LYNN

Absolutely "tops" in any installation ceremony your correspondent has ever witnessed in YD circles was that held by Lynn Chapter in the G.A.R. Hall on the evening of May 17. For dignity, clock-like precision of floor work, and delivery of the ritual of obligation by National President Ray Doucette to the officers of his own home Chapter — his last installation ceremony of the year — it has established a mark for other chapters to shoot at for a long time to come.

The names of the officers-elect have already been published in YANKEE DOINGS. Practically every one of them (whether they *belong*

to the drill team or simply borrowed the uniforms, we don't know) lined up in front of the installing officer in the bright crimson and white uniforms, and after receiving their charge, were escorted to their stations in a way to bring cheers from a West Point drill-master. They were escorted into the hall by as tricky and pert a feminine drill team as one would ask to see, who formed a double line between which they marched to the installing officer's altar.

Your reporter apologizes for this article being so shy of names. No written report has been sent in, and although we were there, we took no notes — simply sat in admiration and drunk in the colorful scene as it spread before us.

Representatives of nearly every veteran body in Lynn were present and either spoke a few words or stood for a bow. Gifts were presented to retiring President George Curley, Past Presidents Ed Saulnier, John Sullivan and ? ? ? ? ? ?; a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. Doucette.

Gosh, readers, May 17 was a long time ago, with the whole Convention sandwiched in between then and now, and we can't give you the whole story, any better than this.

## NEW BEDFORD

Elsewhere is found the account of the state meeting in New Bedford on May 1. No other account of activities in the Whale City has reached YANKEE DOINGS, but as usual New Bedford has forged right through again with renewals and new members, and is back up to pretty near its last year's standing.

Also, buried in the mass of news about the Convention is a reference to the dandy appearance of the junior Drum and Bugle Corps — the first one our actual "own." The formation, uniforming, equipping and training of this unit has been President Bill Dresner's dream for the past six months — and on the streets of Providence, they did themselves proud.

New Bedford has led the way in this field; and may we hope that by the time the 1939 Convention rolls around, many other chapters of the Y.D.V.A. will have their own uniformed youngsters in the parade, and not have to depend too much on "borrowing" Legion and V.F.W. corps.

## SALEM

DOINGS regrets that the following news from Salem arrived just about 24 hours too late for the May issue.

We are holding meetings twice a month; but with the unemployment situation as it is, we are really undergoing a struggle to survive and hold onto what we have.

Cribbage is still the favorite pastime at the club rooms, and when the National Commander drifted in one recent day, he should have had his gas mask, as the artillery was "taking" the infantry in grand style. We are going to organize a cribbage team and challenge any other YD Chapter.

Salem and its auxiliary gave a good account of themselves at Providence, showing up in remarkably strong numbers for the comparatively small size of the chapter.

## NORTHAMPTON

Following are the newly elected officers of Northampton Chapter: President, Charles Powers, Williamsburg, Mass.; Vice Pres., Leon J. Lavallee, Florence, Mass.; Sec., Hoyt D. Clark, Northampton, Mass.; Treas., Albert Packard, Florence, Mass.; Chaplain, William Greenough, Hatfield, Mass.; Historian, Hoyt D. Clark, Northampton, Mass.; Sgt.-at-Arms, August Henzler, Leeds, Mass.; Trustees, Edward Bouthilette, Harvey Taylor, Hoyt D. Clark.

## SPRINGFIELD

The outstanding event in Springfield during the past month was the dedication of the General Edwards Bridge. DOINGS deems this of sufficient importance to be reported as a separate article, and it will be found elsewhere in this issue.

## WORCESTER

Worcester Chapter has secured new permanent quarters in the G.A.R. building on Pearl Street, at a rental of $40.00 a year to be paid out of the chapter budget. Meeting hall, office space and kitchen facilities will be at the disposal of the chapter. Meeting nights have been changed from the second and fourth Thursdays to the first and third Thursdays. The first meeting in the new quarters was held on June 2, of which DOINGS has received no report as yet. The office will be manned every day, and members may drop in to pay dues, get information or conduct chapter business. In September an open-house will be held for YD men from all over the state. Congratulations go to a hard-working committee: Herb Buss, Chm.; Harry Block, Al Rand, Clyde Elliott.

A pre-convention Booster Night was held in the Spanish War Rooms on May 12, and was a knock-out, with six acts of entertainment, re-

freshments (including Brockert's Ale) and filled with YD spirit of conviviality.

Two of my officers have been on the sick list: Chaplain ERNIE PARENT, and Secretary BILL MILLWARD. But with true YD loyalty, two members came through and pinched hit for them in grand style: HOWARD GREENHALGE as acting chaplain, and ROLAND COOK as acting secretary. Also Jr. V.C. HERB BUSS found time to dash to Rutland Hospital to get the mailing list from Sec. MILLWARD and get the notices out on time for the meeting.

The Chapter turned out on Memorial Day as escort to the G.A.R. Membership is still coming in good. During the past month I made four visits to Rutland Hospital and did my best in the short space of time I had to see all YD boys there. They seem in the best of spirits.

— MIKE EARLY,
Commander.

# DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Almost seems as if Little Rhody has the lion's share of this issue anyhow.

In his annual Departmental Report, Commander HUNT reports the formation of Apremont Chapter in Pawtucket — the largest new Chapter of the Association born during the past year; and promises renewed effort during his second term to form one or two more chapters in other parts of the state.

He states — and we all know it to be a fact — that his time was so thoroughly taken up with Convention work, that only a little could be given to state leadership; yet he attended all but two of the National Executive Committee meetings, being present at Hartford, Worcester and several Boston meetings, also state meetings in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

## PROVIDENCE

Installation of officers of Providence Chapter will take place in the Harrison Street Armory on Thursday, June 23, with National Commander ED MILLER as installing officer. The installation will be preceded by a meeting of the National Executive Committee, the first under the new administration. The new President of the Chapter is ED MARA. Names of other officers will be given in the next issue.

## PAWTUCKET
### "Apremont Chapter"

A most enthusiastic meeting was held on Friday night May 27, at the Business-Chamber rooms, attended by thirty members. Chairman WM. HOUGHTON reported on the Providence convention and turned over the check for $100, the first prize in the horribles parade. Plenty of applause for JOHN RANCOURT and also for the generosity of CLIFF ARNOLD, whose thoughts and pep kept the caissons rolling on to success. The latter and FRANK BLOCK, CHARLIE HAMMOND, and JIM REYNOLDS were all given votes of thanks for their assistance in staging the parade. JOHN RANCOURT counter-attacked with praise for every man in the parade unit, whose old YD spirit took the objective pronto!

ARCHIE SPRINTHALL informed the chapter that the late Rev. James E. Barbour, Rector of the Church of the Advent, left $500 in a trust fund about 15 years ago to be used in developing a playground in memory of JOHN GREEN RICE (B Batt., 101st F.A.).

Although no definite action was taken several members advocated the raising of an amount sufficient to develop a playground in which would be a building to be used as Apremont Chapter headquarters.

Commander MORAN named Mr. SPRINTHALL, JOHN RANCOURT and RANDOLPH DARLING a committee to study the matter and report in the near future. City officials, heads of military and civic organizations and others are to be interviewed with a view to arousing interest in the movement.

Following a report by WALTER JENKS the chapter voted to assist the local Boys' club conduct its annual circus, the week of June 13.

Plans were made for the next attack, with the jump-off from Rancourt's Riding Academy echelon, on Tuesday night, June 21, at 6:30 P. M. The soldats will fall in with full-pack, saddle-bags, mess-kits, and decorations to inhale a feed to be prepared by a former cook and mess sergeant of renown. The line will be formed at seven and any of you bucks who do not have the right number stenciled on your barrack-bag will have to report to a tent to be reste-la'd on the parade ground that night. And wait till you see the line-up of K-P's.

This is to be a kind of celebration and a brag-fest on the last convention, with some invited guests who will refuse to talk, but not to eat. There will be some sports in charge of the Generals present, and an exhibition on how to ride with a cinch-strap around the horse's neck and a bridle somewhere near his tail.

We think we will have a party long to be remembered, and old daylight saving should give us ample time to cash in on plenty of laughs.

And don't you "leads" forget that we are sure right in the middle of a box-barrage for members, and none of this "resting on our honor" stuff — so let's give the other chapters a bull's eye to shoot at, that will make a 155 look like a machine-gun, if you fail.

The following are the general staff for the next offensive: JOHN RANCOURT, ALBERT CHABOT, ARCHIE SPRINTHALL, JIMMIE EATON, RAN DARLING, LIONEL CONNELL, FRANK CLARKE, HERB GRYLLS, FRANK SENIOR and AL PLANT.

— R. D.

# DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

## STATE MEETING — MIDDLETOWN MAY 15

From the turn-out and team-work displayed by the Department of Connecticut in Providence, this meeting must have been a recruiting meeting for the Convention. Members were present from nearly every chapter in the state, and the meeting endorsed ED MILLER for National Commander, and Hartford for the next Convention city. It was voted to participate in the dedication of the Middletown-Portland Bridge, set for August 6, and the New Haven Tercentenary on May 28. Plans were perfected for a State Department Dinner to be held during the Providence Convention at the Port Arthur restaurant. A special committee is preparing designs for a proposed statue to General EDWARDS on the State Capitol Grounds in Hartford.

The next meeting, and installation of new state officers will be held in Torrington on June 12.

## BRISTOL

A joint installation of the officers of the chapter and auxiliary was held in Legion Hall, on May 13; with State President JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM installing the chapter officers, and Mrs. MacCrowe of Waterbury installing the auxiliary. The two Presidents, BILL SALADIN, and Mrs. Julia Thompson asked the co-operation of all members and prophecied a most successful year. Many guests attended from New Britain and other nearby chapters, and Bristol was invited to New Britain's installation on May 16.

Among the many Bristol men and women who attended the Providence Convention (and voted it the best time ever) were: WILLIAM SALLADIN and Mrs. Salladin; Past President and Mrs. BILL THOMPSON; GEORGE NELSON and Mrs. Nelson; Mr. and Mrs. FRANK ALIANO; Mr. and Mrs. RALPH FOX; Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT PETERSON; Mr. and Mrs. VINCENZO LABRIOLA; ARTHUR NELSON, HENRY COTE, Mr. and Mrs. ARVID ANDERSON; Miss Nellie Peterson, and ALBION LAMSON.

Memorial services were held in St. Ann's Church on May 29th, and a large group turned out for the parade on the thirtieth. — G. F.

## HARTFORD

Now with the Providence Convention over, we should by this time get back to normalcy. Let's get behind our new National Commander ED MILLER and make this year the biggest in the Y.D.V.A. The convention showered many honors upon us, first the National Commander and then the convention for 1939. Fellows, we have something to shoot at to come anywhere near the good time provided by the gang from Providence. It was by far the best convention we have had and it is up to each and every member of this chapter to put his shoulder to the wheel and make ours even better. We have the material if they will only get out and work and it is hoped that every one will offer his services.

For the past three years a great many have sat back and watched the rest do the job for our chapter, the affairs these few have put on have been a great success but these affairs are nothing in comparison to a national convention. It is going to take more than that faithful few this year or else our city and chapter will go down in disgrace. We owe it to ED MILLER to come forward and do our bit and make history for the Y.D.V.A. It's a long time since the days of 1917, but we know that this convention can be put over and that a great time can be arranged for those who are coming, so from now until convention time, talk nothing but Convention and more Convention, and I am sure we will keep the standing we have reached in the national organization. — W. L. S.

## MERIDEN

An undated news clipping tells of the installation of new officers of Meriden Chapter. It was on a Saturday night — we believe April

23, or possibly April 30. The clipping does not state who acted as installing officer, but records that the two then-candidates for National Commander were guests, Ed Miller of Hartford, Clyde Elliott of Worcester.

The following officers were installed: President Harry P. Adams; 1st V.P., Arthur Service; 2nd V.P., Angier White; Recording Secretary, Kenneth Parkin; Financial Secretary, Capt. John R. Feegel; Chaplain, Fiodi Tomassetti; Historian, Edgar Gardner; Sgt.-at-Arms, Alex Poliwada; Trustees, George Deno and Earl Carter.

Walter Boardman, retiring president, was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, and was given a rising vote of thanks for his leadership during the past year. About 100 were present at dinner, served at 7:30 P. M. Dancing followed the installation.

Among out-of-town guests were: Tom Crokan of Springfield; Elliott Moshier of Willimantic; and many representatives of other veteran organizations both in Meriden and nearby towns.

## NEW BRITAIN

On May 17, State President Cunningham, assisted by Bill Salladin of Bristol, installed the following officers of New Britain Chapter: President, Former Mayor of New Britain, Gardner Weld; 1st V.P., John Suess; 2nd V.P., Alford T. Schade; Secretary and Treasurer, Arthur Butcher; Chaplain, Alfred Griswold; Sgt.-at-Arms, Anthony Pechout; Trustees, J. F. Bernasconi, Joseph Glossup and Fred Clock.

This meeting signalized a new birth for New Britain Chapter, and was the most enthusiastic in years. Under its new forceful president, the chapter should go far.

Retiring President Dewey O. Selander was master of ceremonies and introduced a score or more representatives of veteran organizations. YD delegations were present from Willimantic, Hartford and Manchester Chapters, including the President of each.

President Weld took a firm grip on the reins, outlined the Division's proud history and his plans for the coming year. He appointed as chairman of ways and means and publicity, Geral P. Crean; Memorial Day observance, Arthur Butcher; membership, V.P. Suess; and offered two prizes for the membership campaign. The area has a potential membership of over 200.

## MANCHESTER

Manchester has sent in no written report, but the fact that they copped the trophy in Providence for the chapter in the whole U. S. making the greatest percentage of gain in membership during the convention year is news enough in itself — thanks largely to Jeff Blanchard.

## NEW HAVEN

While New Haven chapter's membership drive keeps the chapter far ahead of last year's mark, we are far from satisfied. Instead of the 120 members we now have, we should have over 300. Still we are only 35 from our total for last year. At the meeting on May 12th it was decided to continue the drive through the convention. If we had a dozen workers like Junior Vice President Ray Cooper we would be up where we belong. Despite a death in the family, Ray has spent every spare moment driving around to collect dues.

The chapter voted to send $25 of its rather slim treasury to national headquarters as part payment of our assessment of $116.25. The chapter also went on record as pledging the balance.

Some of the new officers got off to a rather poor start by failing to appear at the first meeting after their installation. Gotta do better than that, fellows.

The chapter voted to participate in the New Haven Tercentenary parade and also in the Memorial Day exercises at Sprague Hall. It developed at the meeting that thanks to color bearers Joe Schurk and Harold Thatcher, the chapter's colors were the only local veteran standards at the G. A. R. state convention in New Haven.

Comrade Ralph Bove, Irving Hawkes and Bill Brown were reported as doing well at Newington. General Haggerty and Major Fred Oberlin are still very sick.

— L. J. M.

At the city's Tercentenary Celebration on May 28, New Haven Chapter made a proud showing, and opened the eyes of the public.

Marching behind the YD Band, and led by its own colors, was a delegation of over 40, with National Commander Ed Miller, Past National President Al Herman, Past Department Commander Joe Cunningham, Past Chapter President Frank Lee, and Chapter Commander Jack Welch in the lead — all in uniform. Many of the others were also in uniform, the rest with YD berets.

After the parade (the day was hot) what a parade to "Three-Star" MALONE's, "JOCKO" SULLIVAN's and NICK "Dugout" SALVATORE's.

On Sunday night, May 29, memorial services were held in Grange Hall with a fine showing. On Monday morning — Memorial Day — 20 men in uniforms and with the colors, assembled on the Green and placed a wreath at the base of the memorial statue.

As you see, we're far from dead and getting stronger all the time. — F. V. H.

## STAMFORD

Following are the names of the present officers of Stamford Chapter: CLARENCE CALDWELL; 1st V.P., GEORGE RIICKERL; 2nd V.P., WILLIAM H. DIPPEL; Secretary, ANDREW J. DALY; Treasurer, TIMOTHY SULLIVAN; Chaplain, GEORGE GREER; Sgt.-at-Arms, JESS WILDEY; Trustees, CARL PAIGHT and PAUL HAYES.

The chapter has been having some swell meetings: in April at CARL PAIGHT's dugout, and in May at JOE KEEFE's in Glenbrook. JOE is not feeling so hot, but always has a welcome sign out for the boys to drop in and chat a while.

The chapter treasury is fattening up, due largely to the work being done by GEORGE RIICKERL, in conjunction with Bridgeport Post, V.F.W.

BEN PITMAN has been appointed chairman of the Central Veterans Ass'n. of Stamford, and at the May meeting gave a complete report on Americanism.

The boys turned out well on Memorial Day.

Next meeting at LEO WILKES' tavern on Ludlow Street, June 13.

## VALLEY

State President JOE CUNNINGHAM installed the following officers on Saturday evening, May 7: President, ERNEST A. GREYWACZ of Seymour; Sr. V.P., JOHN J. HUNIHAN of Southbury; Jr. V.P., HARRY IRELAND of Ansonia; Treasurer, FRED HUMMEL of Ansonia; Secretary, PAUL E. JOHNSON of Ansonia; Chaplain, Past President WILLIAM E. JONES of Shelton; Historian, ALBERT SPONHEIMER of Seymour; Sgt.-at-Arms, JOSEPH STAFFEY of Ansonia; Trustees, P.P. GREGORY H. COMCOWICH of Ansonia; and P.P. FRANCIS J. AHEARN of Seymour.

With "Doc" BERGER as cook, our very efficient auxiliary prepared a dinner fit for a king.

We are holding a carnival the first week in June, and will have movies after the meeting on June 7.

HARRY IRELAND, membership chairman, vows to enroll all unpaid members and bring new prospects into the chapter.

This is only a starter for the new year.

## WALLINGFORD

Small, but still strong in spirit! We went to the state meeting in Middletown, and with the small size of the chapter in our favor, went home with the travelling gavel.

The entire 100% of the paid-up membership at the time attended the Providence Convention — some sort of a record — seven of us in all! Sorry we had to return Friday night and miss the election on Saturday.

On Memorial Day we took a conspicuous part in the parade.

On April 30, the chapter had the signal honor to be invited guests at the annual competition drill of K Co., Connecticut National Guard, on the 20th anniversary of the Battle of Seicheprey. Twenty-three showed up — the best turnout we have ever had, and we presented a medal to the most valuable soldier in the company, as picked by the officers. (The top sergeant won — of course.)

Installation will be held in mid-June, and we expect a helping hand from National and State officers. The August state meeting is to be held here; the first time we have ever been hosts; so things should be looking up.

— BILL LORING.

## TORRINGTON

A new chapter has been organized and chartered in Torrington, with the probability that it will eventually absorb the already defunct New Milford chapter and the moribund group in Winsted. The group has chosen Certilleux Chapter for its name, and the charter has been presented at the state meeting in Middleton on May 15.

The officers are: President, Lt. Col. ERNEST E. NOVEY, former Mayor of Torrington; 1st V.P., EDWARD F. GOODMAN, Chief of the Fire Dep't.; 2nd V.P. THOMAS MURPHY; Secretary, JOHN F. RICHARDSON; Treasurer, WILLIAM OLIVER; Chaplain, ADAM KANESKY. Meeting nights, second Tuesday of each month at the Armory.

Torrington has been a tough nut to crack; AL HERMAN, BILL THOMPSON and others have been working on that town for years. Credit for final success must go to JOE CUNNINGHAM.

The state meeting for June is being held in Torrington, June 12.

### WATERBURY

No dispatch covering strictly local Waterbury activities has come to DOINGS, but, as stated elsewhere, the chapter won the General EDWARDS' Trophy for Civic Achievement for its sponsorship of the Big Brother Club.

### WILLIMANTIC

JAMES J. LEE, postmaster of Willimantic and one of the founders of the YD Chapter there, was recently elected president of the Connecticut Association of Postmasters.

JESSE PELOQUIN of Norwich and Dr. WILLIAM P. S. KEATING, both members of the Chapter, were installed recently as officers of the fourth district county council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

### NUTMEG NOTES

Colonel JOSEPH P. NOLAN, "The Little Corporal," was tendered a dinner and regimental review by Col. LEWIS L. FIELD, of the 102nd Inf. Our own Major JOE HOULEY handled the review; Capt. FRANK GRIMALDI supervised a Butts' Manual Drill; Capt. HAROLD DORR, a cadence drill and TONY TETA conducted the band — all YD men.

Capt. PHILIP B. TARBELL, (Co. C, 102nd Inf.) was awarded the 20-year National Guard Service medal, while Warrant Officer TONY TETA received a 15-year medal.

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Mrs. RAY C. COOPER, wife of the junior vice president of New Haven chapter, lost her mother recently.

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Several members of New Haven Chapter attended the Springfield dedication recently including LEN MALONEY, JOE SCHURK, NATE COHEN and HAROLD THATCHER. Norwalk, New Haven, Hartford, Bristol, Meriden and New Britain chapters were represented from Connecticut. — L. J. M.

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We print the following the best we can read it: "Mr. and Mrs. 'Forty-Years-Ago' COHEN attended the Springfield dedication. It was noticed that the Mrs. had NATE pretty well straightjacked if the excuse to see a costumer there about bags of sawdust failed. God's gift to the gals!" Don't make much sense to us. (ED. DOINGS).

## DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Five of the eight chapters outside New England were represented at the Providence Convention, namely: New York by a large delegation; Washington by RAY QUEENIN; Detroit by DAVE SWARTZ; Missouri Chapter by GEORGE ROBBINS of Kansas City; and Ohio Chapter by FRED FLAHAVAN and another member whose name we unfortunately did not record. So far as is known, Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles were not represented.

At its meeting on May 6, upon recommendation of Dep't. President JOHN W. MORGAN, the National Executive Committee revoked the charter of defunct Newark Chapter.

In his modest annual Departmental Report, JOHN MORGAN emphasized the difficulties of conducting the business by mail, and urged the selection of men for that particular office who would be able to travel to the far distant chapters. He did not however, say what a fine job he himself has done in exercising a very real, although remote control over his far flung chapters during the past year.

### CLEVELAND
**"Ohio Chapter"**

President FLAHAVAN gave a glowing report of Ohio Chapter's progress at the Providence Convention. The following account was sent in by Chaplain "OKIE" O'CONNOR.

This chapter is very much on its toes. On Memorial Day evening we broadcast over Station WGAR from the Edwards Memorial Boulder. At the end of 1938 we will be the biggest, wealthiest, and "doing-est" Chapter outside New England and New York city. Our new slogan, "Watch Cleveland Grow."

There is to be a YD reunion during the State Encampment of the V.F.W. at Canton, Ohio, June 23 - 26. Those interested contact WILLIAM P. O'CONNOR, 2691 East 116th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

### DENVER
**"Rocky Mountain Chapter"**

Six members gathered at the Colorado Restaurant on Tuesday evening, May 24. Those present were: Dr. JAMES J. MORRIS (103rd F.A.), FRANK J. MURRAY (101st F. Sig. Bn.), HARRY C. GOEDELMAN (102nd Inf.), ALBERT W. ROCKWELL (102nd M.G. Bn.), RAYMOND M. LOEB (102nd F.A.), and ARTHUR G. VETTER (101st F.A.).

After a gabfest, the present officers were reelected for another year. A toast was drunk to the memory of departed comrades, and a pledge

taken that the chapter would see that the graves of those in this city would be decorated on Memorial Day. Flowers were sent to Mrs. Goedelman, a patient in a local hospital.

Copies of YANKEE DOINGS are being mailed as bait to all potential members: watch us grow!

During a recent vacation trip, VETTER saw President CLARENCE BUSH of Chicago Chapter; also E. J. "JACK" NEWEL in Davenport, Iowa, Commander of the Legion Post there. The latter reported that at last Fall's National Legion Convention in New York he had seen several C Battery men.

We seem definitely to be fitting our stride and predict confidently an increased membership in the very near future.

— A. G. V.

## CHICAGO

The sudden and tragic death of our President CLARENCE BUSH, is reported under "Taps" in this issue.

## DETROIT

Our installation of officers was held in PETE SADY's dugout on April 22, followed by entertainment and dancing.

Fourteen members attended the meeting on May 27, and plans were perfected for Memorial Day observance. This was President RALPH BENNETT's first meeting in the Chair.

On Memorial Day, twelve Chapter members and a junior member, Master Dickinson, under command of our newly elected National V.C. PETE SADY, conducted services at the grave of EDWARD C. HAGAN, using a ritual devised by combining several that were submitted to us.

At this writing PETE SADY's daughter, Miriam, is in the hospital recovering from a double mastoid operation; Mrs. Sady is ill; and PETE himself has been carrying on though far from well himself.

Many thanks to ED MILLER, AL HERMAN and all the Hartford, Norwalk and Bridgeport boys who helped make our stay in Providence something always to be remembered.

— DAVE SWARTZ.

## LOS ANGELES
### "Southern California Chapter"

The following officers were elected on April 6, and installed into office the same evening by Past National President GEORGE W. TWOMBLY: President, GEORGE D. CANNON (102nd Inf.); 1st V.P., FRANK E. MEREDITH (101st Inf.); 2nd V.P., ERNEST P. COUTURE (104th Inf.); Secretary, GEORGE K. MITCHELL (104th Amb. Co.); Treasurer, ERVIN R. DRESSER (102nd Inf.); Chaplain, ROBERT B. HURLEY (102nd F.A.); Historian, Dr. MARSHALL A. WELBOURN (102nd Med. Det.); Sgt.-at-Arms, CHARLES G. OLSEN (104th Inf.); Trustees, WALTER J. STUDLEY (101st Inf.), WILLIAM F. COLLINS (101st Inf.), and ARSHAK N. AMERIKHANIAN (103rd Inf.); Executive Committee, LEWIS A. NYE (102nd Inf.), HARRY M. MCLAUGHLIN (102nd Inf.); LAWRENCE T. DANFORTH (Hq., 51st F.A. Brig.), and CHARLES G. OLSEN (104th Inf.).

The officers of the auxiliary were also installed by P.N.P. TWOMBLY. Loyal to the club since its beginning, earnest and modest, GEORGE CANNON's election testifies to the trust the members have in him.

On April 20, Seicheprey anniversary, a great program started off with a spaghetti dinner. Distinguished guest speakers were Gerard Raoul-Duval, Vice Consul of France, member of the French War Veterans. Consul Raoul-Duval presented the Club with a gavel, made from a tree in Belleau Woods, brought from France by FRANK MEREDITH, finished by CHARLIE OLSEN, with solid gold banding, YD emblem and engraving done by ED WALL and GUY EDGAR.

Night Chief of Police Nutt, as a demonstration of radio police work sent a message to a radio crew which arrived at the hall in just three and one-half minutes.

The entire Juvenile Review of Rainbow Studios in Hollywood was presented by Clair Ellison, featuring Donald Duck, Alfalfa and others. Solos by Bob McMillan.

Officers Carr and Gilmore of the World Champion Los Angeles Pistol Team gave a remarkable exhibition of difficult target shooting. Comrades of the 2nd and 35th Division Association attended as our guests.

104th Infantry members observed Apremont Day with a reunion at JOHN FOX's home in Hollywood, seventeen members showing up; chow at 6:30 and what a meal, prepared by Mrs. Fox, helped by Mrs. Olsen. JOHN passed the cigars and hours were spent in reminiscence.

A Bingo Party and a business meeting constituted the activities in May. It has been dedecided not to recess during the summer. The forthcoming National Legion Convention, and our plans for a big YD reunion at the time will keep the pot boiling. More on this later.

Following are the officers of the 104th Infantry unit: President, JOHN FOX; V.P., CHARLIE

Olsen; Secretary, Dr. Welbourn; Sgt.-at-Arms, Jim Ripley; Exec. Comm., John Hardy and Ernie Couture. P.N.P. George Twombly (101st F. Sig. Bn.), a guest, was made an Honorary Member of the 104th Infantry Association, L.A. Sector. Following are the 104th men who were present: Earl Harriman, Andy Bazar, Archie Farr, Charlie Olsen, Archie Bradley, John Hardy, M. A. Cliggett, Dr. Welbourn, Jim Ripley, Fred Montgomery, George Mitchell, Ernie Couture, Joe Dainey, William Stevenson, John Fox, Walter O'Brien, and George Johnson. —G. K. M.

### NEW YORK

We could start this news item off addressed to the absentees by saying "Just a few lines to let you know that the New York Chapter is very much alive and hope you are the same — if so, whinell don't you attend the meetings!"

However, we will give you the news and trust you will be able to get enough energy into your system to attend the June meeting on the 27th of the month.

Our meeting opened May 10 on the stroke of eight, with forty members present, including our Chaplain, Father Thomas F. Temple (who is now National Chaplain). It was a sincere pleasure to see him occupying his station. By 8:30 there were 66 members present; we should have had over 100.

The Chapter suffered a loss of about $60.00 on the Entertainment and Dance held April 26, due to the lack of support given this affair by our own members. President Nelson stated he was very much disappointed in the showing. However, all present had a most enjoyable time, an account of which you had in the May issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

Fred Brown introduced Glenn Cunningham, holder of the world's track record for the mile. Glenn spoke very briefly and was sorry he could not spend the entire evening with us.

Plans are in the works for raising funds to pay dues of fellows "up against it."

Bart Kiley won the pool — his number being drawn from the hat (this hat did not belong to Julius Fedel). Anyway, Bart, if he is lucky can buy himself a new hat — otherwise Mrs. Kiley will get one.

Otis Culver, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee has been laid up for quite a spell with arthritis.

Bruce Lancaster (New York member) and Rod Parker, a very close friend of Bruce's, addressed the meeting on subjects very close to each other and yet very far apart — China and Japan. Rod has spent many years in China and Bruce a like number of years in Japan. Suffice it to say that one and one-half hours was little enough time to listen, inasmuch as both speakers were most interesting and practically every member left the meeting with some erroneous ideas corrected and additional information added to what they already had.

It is quite disappointing to your Treasurer who has sent out second notices for DUES and received a very small return. Come on, New York members, wake up and do your part.

Perhaps you need assistance from the Special Fund to pay your dues — if so, do not be ashamed to communicate with your President or Secretary. Many of us have needed a helping hand at some time or other. These facts are kept confidential — and we only ask cooperation and truthfulness.

Wouldn't you like to see the New York Chapter become second largest in the United States? We need about thirty or forty more members paid up for 1938 to become such — send in your Dues promptly and you will receive your card. If all who were members in 1937 would pay their dues during the next month, we would have over 350 members. How about it, men?

— "Whit."

## 101st INFANTRY ITEMS

The Annual Memorial Mass of the 101st Infantry was held in Old St. John's Church, Worcester, on Sunday, May 29, Rev. Father Osias Boucher, celebrant. One hundred or more members from other parts of the state joined with G Co. (the Emmett Guards) of Worcester in the services.

At a subsequent banquet at the Elks Home,

Gen. FOLEY acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing many distinguished guests, including Mayor Bennett of Worcester and the 101st's own Mayor HANSON of Waltham; and the one and only "Knocko" MCCORMACK, President of the Regimental Association.

Gen. GEORGE MOYSE of Waltham has been chosen Chief Marshal of the parade to be held in that city during the regiment's annual convention, September 9, 10 and 11. The Waltham Chamber of Commerce has pledged full support. Starting around June 1, a permanent headquarters is to be opened near the center of Waltham, to answer all inquiries. This should be the greatest of 101st conventions, with Mayor HANSON as Honorary Chairman and LEO STANKARD as General Chairman.

## 103RD INFANTRY

Not being a Walter Winchell, I probably cannot report the banquet held Saturday night of the convention in the manner it deserves, but I think those that attended will say that it was tres beau. The credit for its success belongs to two 103rd men, now living in Providence, namely, DAVE GOLDBERG and ED AYOTTE. These two fellows got together, put up their time and money to put this across, and they did a swell job. I believe ERIK KLICK stated that he was going to see that we had another next year in Hartford. Now for the facts:

At 6:00 p. m., Saturday night, May 21, the 103rd Infantry held a reunion banquet at the Port Arthur Restaurant in Providence. Those present were as follows:

Co. A, EDWARD LANPHIER.

Co. C, ALFRED NEWCOMBE, ARNOLD C. WELLER, A. A. GAUDET, F. C. HAILER.

Co. F, ELMER E. ELDRIDGE, Lieut. ELLIOTT CARTER.

Co. G, FRANK DINSMORE, NATHAN COHEN, SAM KOMINSKY, HAROLD HENDERSON, DAVID A. GOLDBERG, DAN EMERY.

Co. H, LEROY CODDING, JAMES W. LOCKE, ERIK KLICK.

Co. I, Capt. ROGER WILLIAMS, RAYMOND NUTE, RALPH CORBETT, C. E. HALSTROM, HOWARD A. THAYER, PERLEY POTTER, JOHN COOLEY, RAY S. NUTE, J. H. METCALFE.

Co. M, LOUIS FISHMAN, L. C. HORTON, WILLIS E. HARVEY.

M.G. Co., RAYMOND O. TORREY, Lt. R. D. CROOK, CHARLES HUSKINS, FRED SHAW.

Hdqrs. Co., ARTHUR MCREYNOLDS, GEORGE COOPER, EDWARD AYOTTE, OSCAR HERRING, CLARENCE WALSH.

I did not get the Company of the following: A. A. GAUDET, D. S. O'NEIL, ALBERT A. CARIGNON, EMIL BOISVERT.

In addition we had as guests, ELTON P. WALKER of the Portland Chapter, and HARRY BLOCK of the Worcester Chapter, and also the wives and daughters of some of the party.

We had three tables in the center of the main dining room, and the choice of the menu. The banquet started off with a toast and three cheers, led by Lt. ELLIOT CARTER to our old Commander, Col. HUME. During the progress of the meal, there was beaucoup music and a nifty floor show, and some fellows hunted femmes from surrounding territory and danced. Perhaps the highlight of the entertainment was when "Pompey" HUSKINS got up in front of the "mike" and sang "Memories of France," with an encore and then the band played the Maine Stein Song, with everybody in the room singing. Other songs were sung, but when the band was asked to play "The Missouri Hound Dog," they said they never heard of it. It just doesn't seem possible that those guys were wearing three-cornered pants when we started out to fight.

Where are the rest of the 103rd fellows and officers, and why aren't they here? Among the names of missing officers mentioned were, GREENLAW, ASHWORTH, BOWEN, BISBEE, IRELAND, HEALY, SWETT, HANSON, HASTY, STODDARD, SOUTHARD, HOSFORD, HUME, SHUMWAY, and every other officer in the regiment, and they were mentioned because someone wanted to see them and fight the war over again. I feel sure that it is not the expense in all cases (although that is a most important item), but I do say if you can get away for fishing, hunting, or golf, you can make it for the bunch you fought and bled and almost died with, for a couple of years — and I don't think it will cost you any more. Don't let the Privates and Non-Coms get the idea they carried you along during the war the way they are keeping the YD alive now. Let's get together again in Hartford next year with a bigger turnout. As the Chink waiter said at the banquet, "I'll be back in a flash with the fish."

— J. FRED SHAW.

### 51st F.A. BRIG. DETACHMENT

For the past ten years we have been holding reunions in Boston and have had as large a number as 35 members appear.

This year during the Nat. Convention we got together in Providence and seventeen showed up. The following are some of the men who appeared: GRIFFIN, MARA, HAGGERTY, MACRAE, ELLIOT, LEES, GARLAND, J. and P. BALCH, EVERSON, DONNELLY, SUNDBERG and KELLY.

Several old buddies sent wires or letters.

Our big reunion will be next May and will be held in Boston.

Please communicate with us as we are preparing a booklet and wish to send one to each member at no cost. Please address: PAUL C. BALCH, 150 Causeway St., Boston, Mass., or G. A. LIVESEY, 268 Broad St., Providence, R. I.

## 101st FIELD ARTILLERY

Well the get-to-gether at Providence is over, but a good time was had by all.

I did not keep a record of those that were there, but the 26 that were, voted to have another party at Hartford at the convention in 1939. This is the first notice.

RALPH "Woodrow WILSON ("A") is now with Ellis, Clayton & Co.

AL LACEAU, (Supply Co.) could not make Providence because he had to put his boat overboard.

LES MORGAN (F) was at West Point — looking over the Cadets I suppose.

BILL ROGERS (A) wrote that he will be on a western trip.

GEORGE PUTMAN (B) wrote from New York that he was sorry that he could not come, so did JOHN E. CORCORAN also of C.

JOE WILNER (A) sent the Feb. meeting card saying that he has just returned to Fort Belvoir and back to work from the Walter Read Hospital.

SYLVESTER F. MORRISON (E) whose address I wanted, is now Capt. of D. Btry., 102nd F.A.

Notice sent to JOHN A. MULLIN (C) at 44 Lindon St., Allston, has been returned.

Two of our Comrades have died this last month: EDWIN W. FYLER (A) died at Hyannis on May 10. Buried at Hyde Park.

GORDON R. THURSTON (F) died at U.S.V.H., Rutland, on May 12.

— BENJAMIN JAMES.

## 102nd FIELD ARTILLERY

The old bugler has been absent from these pages for several seasons. It looks like it was his job to wake up the old Rip Van Winkle regiment again.

At the Convention we saw the following: JOHNNY GAINES, ANDY IZZO, MILTON ELLIOTT, AL HAWKINS, JOE O'BRIEN, all of Providence; TONY CORDI, restauranteur of Shawomet Beach; DAVE GREENWOOD of Scituate, R. I.; JIM FLYNN and old faithful TOM MCHALE of Stoneham, Mass., and HOWEY JOHNSON and HOWEY MCGINNIS of Edgewood, R. I. The latter two have been living within a block of each other and never knew it until contacted by the writer. All of the above were members of Capt. SIMPKINS' Headquarters Co.

GEORGE LITTLE (Supply Co.) acted as host to a few of his former pals: HUP JONES of Rehoboth, JOE LEARY of Fall River, and a former Fall Riverite, JACKSON and spouse, now of Hartford. Our old friend ROLLY CHOATE was conspicuous by his absence, ROLLY's absence would be conspicuous any place.

From Battery B. of Worcester were MIKE EARLY, CHRIS FLYNN, and a great little guy, ED LESLIE.

Battery C members seen were FRANK DOWD, HENRY and GENE TOPPING, bona fide warriors of "Kloby" CORCORANS Lawrentians.

The New Bedford Whalers — D Battery — came into port daily bedecked and under full sail. More than 75% of their junior drum corps is comprised of children of D Battery; Miss Marian Wilkinson drum major. Among the old pals behind the corps were BILL DRESNER, JIM METCALF, CHARLEY SMITH, LOUIS MARCOUX, HENRY KENYON, CHARLES CARON, HAROLD HOWARD, TONY (sorry we cannot read "the bugler's" writing here — ED.) VIN COTNOIR, JOE ROBINSON, FRANK SYLVIA, JOHNNY WOODS, LEN MCDONNELL and others. Left behind was our heart-broken fire-fighter LAJEUNESSE. Better luck next time, JOE.

If you 102nd F.A. survivors from all over the Commonwealth will send me a postal card with your name and address, we'll have a grand start toward a future ace reunion. If you don't care for the memories of your pals in the 1917 Boxford red picture book who are now missing; then gently tie the noose and spring the trap. The old battling bugler. — JIMMY MURPHY.

C BATTERY

**Old France Restaurant — Eddy St. Providence**

19th anniversary of Battery farewell party at the same place in April, 1919.

92 members present for the first get-together in nine years, brought men from Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York and Boston.

Very fine steak dinner served in the cellar room, reserved for us.

There were no speeches of any sort allowed, and no formal entertainment provided, but plenty of fun at the impromptu section reunions.

Several valuable door prizes were awarded the lucky winners. Among those giving prizes were: Fred Walsh, Jack Welsh, Kennedy Co., and Mr. Aylsworth of the Old France Restaurant.

A message of good cheer was signed by every member present and forwarded to Roy C. Stowe, formerly a lieutenant with the Battery, and now putting up a great fight at his home in Appanaug, R. I. (A small party called on him the next week and said that the letter had been the means of giving him a wonderful boost.)

All the credit for the well-planned party should go to the following hard-working bunch: Walt Vickery, Mike Crescenzo, Fred Mortensen, Mack McGrath.

The only regrets heard were that it was a damned shame that we do not get together more often — so you bozos that read this— let us hear you shout for more action soon, and then turn to and give the committee some real help.

— Ran Darling.

BUZZINGS OF B

About twenty of the stalwart lads of B Company showed up at one time or another during the Convention at Providence.

Among those not often seen were Eddy Quigley, Jim Cobb (looking very affluent), Red O'Niell (a fireman in Ye Town of Cranston). Peter Beck arrived from Worcester with his sweet little wife, both of whom were entertained royally by YE Scribe. Ed Mundie used the Convention for holiday purposes and wore a continuous smile. Arthur Blackey was quiet as usual. You would hardly know he was present. Jack Dalton made the grade, hand in hand with Ed Mundie. Bob Dickson showed up as usual from New York, although he missed the Regional Dinner, either from choice or otherwise. Lappy LaPlante came stag to this Convention. Where is she, "Lappy?" One fellow we haven't seen since the outfit was discharged was Perley Knight, who still lives in Lynn. Dick Welch was the life of the party so far as he knew. "Rosie" Wilcox, Ed Laing, "Rooky" and Bill Wills all represented YE Town of Westerly, Rhode Island, while Alex Souderland took care of the honors due Providence. There were no broken heads in the entire Convention, although many of them were strained to the breaking point. I feel sure of that.

— "The Drone."

E AND F COMPANIES

This issue will be too late for this to be much of a reminder, but the Annual E and F Blowout at the Armory is being held this year on Saturday, June 11, the usual date in May having been taken up by the YD Convention in Providence. This is written June 4, so we can't tell you much about it.

The two War Babies Companies got together as usual for a dinner at the YD Convention, held this year in the Crown Hotel in Providence; and as befitted "the highest branch of the service," the banquet was much more restrained and refined than many another your reporter visited later in the evening. However the restraint and refinement were not too boring, and some of the songs sung by — oh, well, we won't mention names; wives read DOINGS too — wouldn't exactly register at a meeting of the Epworth League.

We don't know what happened to E Company — there were just four of them present by actual count, one from "B" — Vern Hitchins in person, and a courageous "soldier" among berry-pickers, "Pop" Covey of the 102nd M.G. Battalion. As to the F Company contingent, more below.

E COMPANY

Okie O'Connor, spark plug of Cleveland Chapter, Y.D.V.A., is a fair sized shot in the V.F.W. out that way too, having been a member of Woodlands Hill Post No. 1863 about seven months, he has held the following offices: Chaplain, delegate to County Council, delegate to State and National Encampments, Sr. Vice Com-

mander, business agent for the Post's $14,000.00 home, and chairman of the Poppy Day drive. In addition he has been — in the YD Chapter, Chaplain, member of board of directors, member of Board of Governors of YD Social Club, and publicity and liaison officer for the latter. He gives all credit to the training he received back in Boston.

He concludes: "While the esprit de corps of our beloved YD exists, it will always be "first love of our veterans activities."

F COMPANY

Joining with a handful of E Company men, F Company held a reunion dinner in the Crown Hotel in Providence on Saturday evening, May 21. The following enjoyed a good meal and the impromptu fun which accompanied it: GROCOTT, McLAUGHLIN, KEENAN, JIMMY JAMES, LeBLANC, KENNA, NELSON, STEEGER, CICCOLO, KLUGE, HIGGINS, KOWALL, SANBORN, REDFIELD, AL DAY, FITCH, LaTAILLE, CHARLIE DAVIS, SAULNIER, BUD FISHER, CASEY. There may have been — probably were — other F Company men in town during the four days, and a number of embryo reunions were held in several of the rooms at the Biltmore from time to time.

The company has — at last — to use the royal tongue, "organized" and elected some officers. They are: President, AL DAY; V.P., KARL JACKSON; Secretary, ELMER CASEY; Treasurer, LESTER GROCOTT; Ass't. Treas., MIKE DRISCOLL; Chairman of Sick Committee, JIMMY CONNORS. A Chairman of Entertainment will be appointed soon. It was decided to assess initial dues of 50 cents per member; to hold approximately three meetings a year: the reunion at the Armory in the spring; probably a renewal of the enjoyable jaunts to Fryeburg, Me. in the early fall; and a business meeting in mid-winter.

The lost has been heard from — though not directly. A letter from a service officer in Trenton, N. J., like an arrow shot in mid-air which found its mark, reached your reporter a few weeks ago. It asked if anybody in the YD knew of one former Stable Sergeant ANDREW F. LAWLOR, formerly of F Co., 101st Engrs., and who knew of his being gassed in France. The letter is now in JIMMY CONNOR's hands, and GEORGE BROOKS has already made an affidavit (or is prepared to make one). A reply to the writer however, asking for Andy's address has brought no response thus far.

Still another who has been through a tough siege is BILL WALKER who hovered on the thin edge for weeks with pneumonia, but at last reports had successfully passed the crisis.

Well, with the party at the Armory on June 12, should be a lot of news next time.

DARRAGH HIGGINS writes from Camden, N. J. in a spirit of considerable chagrin over the fact that D Company beat us so badly at the Convention, in numbers present, in having their own band (which won first prize in the parade), a big dinner all to themselves and whatnot. He suggests a longer period of advance preparation next year, and that we force D Company "to move over." Among the possibilities under consideration are an F Company float in the parade (we won't disclose the description, but it's a honey); also perhaps an awkward squad in the old-time O.D.'s, ragged, lousy, unpressed, full packs and all. Other companies keep off; our idea is copyrighted.

An interesting letter from LESLIE MUNN will have to be left until next time. We've overrun our space long ago. —P. N. S.

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The whole YD Veterans Association, and more particularly Chicago Chapter suffered a severe blow on May 31, in the sudden death of its Chapter Commander, CLARENCE A. BUSH, formerly of C Battery, 101st Field Artillery. Together with half a dozen others Mr. BUSH organized the Chicago Chapter back in 1933, but has modestly kept in the background until a few months ago when he was elected President (now "Commander" by virtue of constitutional amendment adopted at Providence). In the meantime he has been the regular DOINGS correspondent for Chicago Chapter. Funeral services were held at the Doty Funeral Chapel on Thursday, June 2, a floral tribute having been wired by headquarters, Y.D.V.A. in Boston. In civil life Mr. BUSH was a newspaper reporter, and was actively connected with the Illinois Athletic Club where many of the meetings were held; also upon the Olympic Games Committee of 1936. Death was from heart failure.

A sad note was struck in the midst of the

business meetings of the Providence Convention, when President DOUCETTE announced from the Chair the passing on Thursday, May 19, of Corporal SAM FORD, formerly of G Co., 102nd Infantry, of Manchester, Conn. Many Connecticut men, homeward bound from the Convention attended his military funeral on Sunday, May 22.

NELSON G. MANTON, formerly of the 101st Infantry, died on suddenly at Winchendon, Mass. on Memorial Day, following a heart attack while playing golf. Funeral services were held from his home, 77 Reedsdale Rd., Milton, on Thursday afternoon, June 2, with military ceremonies arranged by Milton Post, A. L. of which he was a member. In civil life, as a superintendent of the Boston City Ice and Fuel Co., he had charge of surfacing the ice at the Boston Garden. He leaves both parents and one brother.

FRANK L. MCKENNEY, formerly of A Co., 101st Military Police, died on Thursday, June 2. Further details have not been furnished to this column.

JOSEPH E. RACICOT, D.S.C., formerly of the 103rd Infantry, died at the Soldiers Home, Noroton Hts., Conn., on Sunday, April 23. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church, Willimantic, on April 28, with Windham County Chapter, Y.D.V.A., operating in conjunction with the Legion and V.F.W. units in the ceremonies.

Rather than face the blindness that a doctor told him was in the offing, FRANK SULLIVAN, active and well-liked member of New Haven Chapter, took his own life on Monday, May 23rd, within 24 hours of his return from the convention at Providence. "SULLY" leaves a wife and two children. The members of New Haven chapter were stunned by the news of FRANK's sudden passing. It seemed only a few hours before that he was the life of the party at Providence. An employee of the American Railway express, FRANK reported for work on Monday evening after a week's vacation. Fifteen minutes after his arrival a fellow worker heard a shot and discovered FRANK mortally wounded. Funeral services were held at St. Lawrence Church, West Haven, and RALPH WALKER, of M. F. Walker & Sons, was in charge. RALPH, also a member of New Haven chapter, had been with SULLY at Providence. Members of the chapter served as pall bearers.

LOUIS MAURER, formerly of B Co., 102nd Machine Gun Battalion died suddenly on May 23. Many comrades from his former company and an official color detail from the YD Club of Boston, of which he was a former member attended the funeral services on Friday, May 27. Interment was at Old Calvary Cemetery.

DOINGS has received an announcement of the death, on March 25, 1938, of HAROLD HOSIER, formerly of the 102nd M.G. Battalion, in Jersey City, N. J. No other details given.

WILLIAM B. BARKER, formerly of H Co., 102nd Infantry, died at the U. S. Veterans Hospital in Lyons, N. J., on Monday, May 9; and was buried at Whitehall, N. Y. on Thursday, May 12. "TUCKER" BARKER was wounded by shrapnel at Apremont and spent the next 16 months in the hospital. As an example of the depth of comradeship among YD men, FRANCIS MALEY and DENNIS MANNING of New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A. immediately left their jobs to accompany the body to Whitehall, a distance of 250 miles from New York City. BARKER was buried with full military honors.

GEORGE I. MCDONALD, formerly of I Co., 101st Infantry, died at Waltham, Mass. on May 15. Funeral services were held on May 17. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury.

An old-time and long-time member of the Y.D.V.A., GORDON THURSTON, formerly of F Batt., 101st Field Artillery, died at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Rutland Hts., Mass. on May 12. For many years GORDON has been at least a part-time inmate of the hospital, quite a few years ago married one of the nurses there, and they set up a little house of their own in nearby Holden, where they enjoyed one another's companionship until death claimed him at last.

JOHN RUFFIN, formerly of E Co., 102nd Infantry, died on Tuesday, April 19, and was buried in St. Lawrence Cemetery, New Haven, on Friday, April 22. Several members of Valley Chapter attended the ceremony.

EDWIN W. FYLER, formerly of A Batt., 101st F.A., died on May 10, 1938. No details have reached this column.

THOMAS LLOYD ROBERTS, formerly of the 102nd M.G. Battalion, died at Newington (Ct.) Hospital, on April 15. Members of Rutland, Vt. Chapter, reading of his death immediately went to his home in nearby Fair Haven, helped the family in arranging the funeral details, sent flowers, and attended the services.

Notice has been received of the death, several months ago, of B. W. FREELOVE, formerly of the 104th Ambulance Co., a member of Manchester, Conn. Chapter.

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